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Hansen backers attack Blaine votes

By The Associated Press and The Times-News

BOISE — Supporters of Rep. George Hansen charged in Idaho 4th District Court Wednesday that nearly half of the Blaine County voters who cast ballots in last month's razor-thin 2nd Congressional District race were improperly registered and illegally threw the election to Democratic Representative-elect Richard Stallings.

The supporters, led by Lucille Nokleby of Boise, asked the court to either void the

Blaine County totals for the race and hold a new election in the northern Magic Valley county or reduce the vote totals for both Hansen and Democratic Congressman-elect Richard Stallings on a proportional basis.

The reduction formula proposed in the suit would involve nearly 2,500 votes and would result in a major shift in district-wide vote totals for both candidates, turning Stallings' 170-vote victory into a Hansen win by more than 800 votes.

In addition, she asks that the certificate of election issued to Stallings after last month's

official canvass be rescinded pending a decision on her claims. Stallings won Blaine County by nearly three-to-one.

More than 202,000 votes were cast district wide.

The election challenge filing came as Hansen was challenging another decision, one by Idaho Attorney General Jim Jones to deny Hansen's request for a district-wide recount at state expense. Attorney John Sutton of Boise is the attorney of record in both challenges. Efforts to reach him for comment were unsuccessful.

But Stallings' attorney Lynn Winnill, in a telephone interview from his Pocatello office, said Hansen's supporters' effort is flawed because it is asking a state court to assume jurisdiction that rightly belongs to Congress.

"Whether or not there are any irregularities in the Blaine County votes is for Congress to decide not the 4th District Court," Winnill says, citing a clause in the U.S. Constitution which states: "Each House shall be the judge of the elections, returns and qualifications of its own members."

The informal group of Hansen backers, led

by Nokleby, charged that 44 percent of the 5,600 ballots cast in Blaine County on Nov. 6 were effectively invalid because they came from voters who had filed incomplete or improper voter registration forms.

Hansen spokesman Mark Musie said the congressman had nothing to do with the state court suit, which names Stallings as defendant.

Based on the vote-reduction formula proposed in the suit, Stallings would have his vote total cut by some 1,730 votes while Hansen,

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Justice demands voiced

By GEORGE GEDDA
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vice President George Bush, leading a delegation of mourners as the bodies of the two American victims of the Iran hijacking incident were returned to U.S. soil, called Wednesday for "patient but certain justice" for their killers.

The State Department, meanwhile, renewed its demand that Iran extradite or prosecute the four hi-

Pair in Germany — A3

Jackers who killed the two Americans and are now in Iranian custody, Iranian Prime Minister Hussein Musavi was quoted by his government's news agency as saying he would not extradite the terrorists.

The administration, after being sharply critical of Iran's handling of the hijacking on Tuesday, generally opted for a more moderate tone Wednesday as it continued to gather additional information about the incident.

Among those being consulted were two Americans who survived the hijacking, Charles Kapor, 57, and John Costa, 50, who were at the country's 97th General Hospital in Frankfurt, West Germany.

State Department deputy spokesman Alan Romberg said details on the return of Kapor and Costa to the United States were being kept secret because they had indicated a desire for privacy. At the White House, spokesman Larry Speakes said the two probably will return Thursday, but he gave no additional details.

Echoes of the tragedy were heard at Andrews Air Force Base in nearby Maryland shortly after dawn Wednesday when Bush presided at a brief ceremony marking the return of the bodies of William L. Stanford and Charles Hegna, both employees of the Agency for International Development.

Flag-draped coffins bearing their bodies were removed from a C-141 transport plane and placed in white hearse by pallbearers representing each of the military services.

With family members of the two victims standing by, Bush said, "We shall know their murderers with the long memories of those who believe in patient but certain justice."

"Wanton murders of the innocent is terrorism that no amount of incantation can disguise."



The big scoop

Wednesday's snowfall had a lot of Magic Valley residents shoveling their sidewalks,

and even drove a few to the rooftops. Jeff Manners pitches a load of snow off an

apartment building under construction on Washington Street North in Twin Falls so that he and his co-workers can finish roofing the structure.

Educators say schooling for Hispanics shoddy

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A panel of educators and state leaders said Wednesday that "a shocking proportion" of Hispanic youth is being wasted by the shoddy education they are getting in inner-city schools.

The National Commission on Secondary Education for Hispanics decried the high dropout rates and low test scores of Hispanic youth, and said "the damage inflicted on young Hispanics today threatens society tomorrow."

The commission — created by a non-profit group called the Hispanic

Policy Development Project — said public schools must improve and intensify efforts to "give Hispanic students full command of English."

The 16 panel members, who held hearings over the past year in Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Chicago and San Antonio, Texas, said "the belief that Hispanics do not want to acquire English is unfounded and unwarranted."

But it said Hispanic parents do not want to see their children "deprive their children of Spanish," and it argued that it is in the best interests of society to nurture Spanish as "a national resource."

"In state and cities with large pro-

portions of Hispanic citizens, schools should encourage the study of Spanish," by Hispanic and Anglo students alike, the report said. Lamenting that only 4 percent of Hispanic high school students now take three or more years of Spanish, it said Spanish speakers should be urged to take courses that would make them literate in the language.

"English must be taught more effectively to Hispanics," said the report, which suggested using students to tutor classmates as well as hiring more Spanish-speaking teachers and guidance counselors.

The panel expressed concern "that opposition to the use of other

languages may lead our nation toward dangerous divisiveness and confrontation. . . . Spanish is an important and needed resource."

The report, titled "Make Something Happen," cited federal statistics that show:

- Forty percent of all Hispanics who leave school do so before entering 10th grade.
- Forty-five percent — of Mexican-American and Puerto Rican students never finish high school.
- Almost 25 percent of all Hispanics enter high school over-age.
- Some 76 percent scored in the bottom half of standardized achievement tests.

Defending economy holds key

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As President Reagan sought to meet his deficit-reducing goals, Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan declared Wednesday that the military must accept its share of budget cuts next year, or else "I don't think our cuts have a prayer" in Congress.

Regan told reporters that defending the economy is as important as defending the country militarily, "and with these huge deficits we could be in danger of losing our economy."

While the president met over lunch with his budget aides on proposals to trim defense spending, the Office of Personnel Management confirmed it is preparing a contingency plan to reduce the federal work force by 125,000 employees if Congress rejects Regan's tentative decision to cut government workers' pay by 5 percent.

The treasury secretary said that counting the fiscal 1986 budget for the 12 months beginning next Oct. 1, there will have been "a five-year military buildup averaging 8.5 percent annually, after discounting for inflation."

"That, he said, is higher than the 5 percent increase in defense spending which the president promised during his 1980 presidential campaign."

Taking inflation into account, the rate of increase in military spending has averaged 14 percent per year, Regan said, for an increase of more than \$1 trillion over five years.

Regan said slowing down the growth in defense spending would not cause irreparable harm to the United States' ability to defend itself.

Welfare foe has way to stop illegitimate births

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A political scientist who advocates abolishing all welfare programs predicted Wednesday that such a move would trigger a huge drop in illegitimate births 10 months after it was enacted.

Charles Murray, at a welfare

debate sponsored by the Heritage Foundation, also said that wiping out the food stamps program would not increase hunger in America.

Murray argues in a controversial new book, "Losing Ground: American Social Policy 1950-80," that the Great Society welfare programs, intended to help the poor, have wound up ensnaring more people in poverty,

particularly blacks.

But Robert Greenstein, a liberal activist who ran nutrition programs in the Carter administration, charged that Murray's work has created a new welfare myth — that none of the programs, from Aid to Families with Dependent Children to Medicaid to food stamps, has done any good.

"The evidence doesn't back it up,"

said Greenstein, who said the health of the poor has improved, fewer families are living in substandard housing and poverty has dropped sharply among the elderly.

The nation cannot afford to be "indifferent" to the phenomenon of poor, unwed mothers who have not one but several children and apparently feel no social stigma, he said.

Postage to jump in February

By JEFFREY MILLS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The cost of mailing a first-class letter will jump from 20 cents to 22 cents on Feb. 17, the U.S. Postal Service announced Wednesday.

Higher rates for nearly all classes of mail come just over three years after the last increase.

Among other changes, mailing a post card will cost 14 cents instead of 13 cents, parcel post rates will rise 11 percent and second class mail, for newspapers and magazines, will cost 14 percent more.

The new rates were approved by the Postal Service's board of governors in the face of mounting red ink and despite uncertainty over future expenses caused by ongoing contract negotiations with postal unions.

Salaries are by far the agency's biggest expense.

Profits reported by the Postal Service after the last rate hike in November 1981 led to some criticism, but "officials said the profit would slowly disappear as expenses rose. That has occurred and in a recent three-month period, the agency had a \$240.6 million loss."

"Although the Postal Service has earned surpluses in each of the last three years, we have reached 'the point where our costs, which have continued to increase over the last three years, have overtaken our revenues,'" said John R. McKean, chairman of the board of governors.

McKean said the rate increase will enable the Postal Service to break even financially and continue to operate with no congressional subsidy.

The two-cent hike for first class mail is short of the 23-cent rate requested by the postal service. That was cut by the independent Postal Rate Commission. The postal government's commission, including increases for most other types of mail as well.

One of the most controversial is in third-class mail, used for advertising circulars and known to most consumers — despite the protestations of postal officials and the industry — as junk mail.

The Postal Service had proposed a 21 percent increase in third-class rates, but the rate commission sealed that down to 13 percent.

Newspaper publishers have campaigned widely against the lower rate in this case, since they contend it gives direct mail an advantage over newspapers in the competition for

advertising.

The rates for second-class mail, which includes newspapers, will go up 14 percent, slightly more than the 12 percent suggested by the post office originally.

The new rates were developed after months of hearings and analysis, and are intended to result in each class of mail paying its own way, since the federal government no longer subsidizes the post office.

Here is a rundown of some of the rate increases:

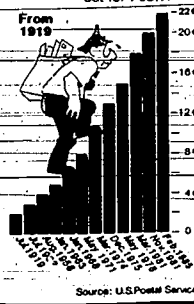
- First-class first ounce rises from 20 cents to 22 cents, but the charge for each additional ounce remains at 17 cents.

- Presorted first class rises from 17 cents to 18 cents, and for mail sorted according to carrier route from 16 cents to 17 cents.

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United States Postal Rates

Increase to 22¢ set for Feb. 17



Source: U.S. Postal Service

American hijacking victims given tests at Army hospital

FRANKFURT, West Germany (AP) — Two Americans rescued from a hijacked airliner in Iran were examined Wednesday at a U.S. Army hospital, where they were pronounced as "in satisfactory condition but extremely tired."

Businessman John Costa, 50, and Charles Kapar, 57, an employee of the U.S. Agency for International Development, underwent a "full battery of tests" at the 97th General Hospital "at the request of the U.S. State Department," said a statement from the American Consulate General, which also issued the word on their medical condition.

The statement corrected the spelling of Kapar's name, which had been given last week as "Kaper" by AID headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The two Americans were flown to Rhein-Main airbase in a U.S. Air Force plane from Kuwait early Wednesday after the six-day ordeal at the Tehran Airport. They were being immediately taken to the Frankfurt hospital.

Both appeared steady on their feet as they walked briskly to cars waiting on the tarmac, and Kapar gleefully shouted, "We won," as he waved to 30 reporters and photographers.



JOHN COSTA
Won't talk to the press

The men underwent a "full battery of medical tests" at the 97th General Hospital "at the request of the U.S. State Department," the consulate statement said.

American military police kept a tight watch on visitors to the sprawling hospital Wednesday and refused

entry to a dozen newsmen who gathered at the front gate.

Costa and Kapar "decided not to grant interviews after consulting with doctors," consulate spokesman Mike Corff told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "It was their own decision not to talk to the press. No one influenced them."

He said the men would fly to the United States "in the next couple of days" after medical tests are completed.

Corff said he did not know whether Costa and Kapar would travel in a military plane or a commercial airliner.

Costa, Kapar and 12 other freed hostages were flown to Kuwait from Tehran on Tuesday. They were rescued by Iranian security officials who boarded the plane Sunday using a ruse and captured the four Arab hijackers "who had killed" the two Americans, according to reports from Iran's official news agency, Irna.

The hijackers seized the Kuwaiti Airways jet Dec. 4 and forced it to fly to Tehran in a bid to pressure the Kuwait government into freeing 17 Muslim extremists convicted of bombing the U.S. and French embassies in December 1983.

'Runaround' on Social Security

Reagan gets an earful from Schroeder in get-well call

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — President Reagan telephoned get-well wishes to William J. Schroeder on Wednesday and got an earful from the artificial heart recipient, who said he was "getting a runaround" in his attempts to win Social Security benefits.

Reagan pledged to "get on it right away."

During the three-minute conversation, the two men also joked about Schroeder's fondness for beer.

Reagan told Schroeder that he and first lady Nancy Reagan "have just been two of a great many people who have been keeping score on you and saying a prayer."

Schroeder's "remarkable recovery" has "impressed us all," Reagan said. "We admire your strength and courage."

At the end of the conversation, Schroeder said he wished "more people could take advantage" of the technology that gave him a reprieve from death-by-heart disease.

"The plastic and metal heart is 'working terrific; just super,'" Schroeder said.

Doctors were stepping up Schroeder's walking program, and the artificial heart recipient was ranging further from his hospital bed.

"I'm sure Dr. (William C.) DeVries gets involved in deciding just how much exercise and how much time out of bed," Schroeder gets, Irvine said.

DeVries implanted the Jarvik-7 mechanical heart in Schroeder's chest on Nov. 25 at Humana Hospital. Schroeder, a resident of Jasper, Ind., the second human ever to receive a permanent artificial heart.

Schroeder "continues to progress according to

plan" and was again listed in satisfactory condition, Irvine said.

He said the heart "remained set" at 75 beats per minute. It was turned up from 70 beats several days after the implant operation to increase Schroeder's stamina.

Schroeder walked more Wednesday and followed an exercise regimen to strengthen his limbs and neck, said Linda Broadus of Irvine's staff. Schroeder wore one-pound weights on his arms and legs while performing the stretching and flexing exercises.

Meanwhile, another Jasper resident had been admitted to the hospital for open-heart surgery and Schroeder "went over to cheer him up," Irvine said.

"The guy was a little bit anxious about surgery and Schroeder just kind of came in there to give him a little bit of a boost," Irvine said.

The hospital was not releasing the other patient's name or information about his planned surgery.

Schroeder won't receive a medical bill because Humana is underwriting the cost of the implant, but the corporation is talking with his insurance company, hoping to recoup some of its expenses, Irvine said.

The implant and Schroeder's subsequent treatment probably aren't covered by insurance because the procedure is experimental, Irvine said.

However, Humana may be able to bill Schroeder's insurers for treatment he received before the implant, including gallbladder surgery and organ surgery to remove six decaying teeth that posed a threat of infection, Irvine said.

Cutting fat, calories lowers heart attack risk, panel says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reducing cholesterol levels will help prevent heart disease and heart attacks, and all Americans — even healthy ones with normal blood fat levels — should change their diets to cut fat and calorie intake, an expert panel said Wednesday.

The group, convened by the National Institutes of Health to re-examine the cholesterol issue, said most evidence indicates elevated levels of these fatty materials in blood is a major cause of heart and blood vessel disease.

"It has been established beyond a reasonable doubt that lowering definitely elevated blood cholesterol levels will reduce the risk of heart attacks due to coronary heart disease," the panel said in a draft report after a three-day meeting.

"This has been demonstrated most conclusively in men with elevated

blood cholesterol levels, but much evidence justifies the conclusion that similar protection will be afforded in women with elevated levels," it continued.

The group's position on cholesterol and diet modification proved to be almost identical to those of the American Heart Association and other groups that have examined the same issues.

Critics of these positions say the evidence is not definitive that dietary cholesterol changes will reduce heart disease risks in normal people and that general dietary changes are not justified.

For instance, Dr. Robert E. Olson of the State University of New York told the meeting that, based on current evidence, only people with very high levels of cholesterol and other fats should undergo diet and drug treatment.

"Massive public health action to alter lipids (fats) with diet on persons with little or no preventable risk from their serum lipids would be misleading and is not justified at this time," Olson said.

However, Dr. Daniel Steinberg of the University of California at San Diego, the conference chairman, said that even "normal" levels of cholesterol as measured in average Americans are too high compared to populations in countries with less heart disease.

The Japanese have much lower normal cholesterol levels and lower rates of heart disease, he said, "and what we are suggesting is that their's is right and our's is wrong."

Commenting on the suggested diet, the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a private consumer health group, said the recommendations do not go far enough.

Court upholds girl's sentence

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — The Wyoming Supreme Court on Wednesday, on a 3-2 vote, upheld Deborah Ann Jahnke's conviction of helping her brother kill their abusive father.

The shotgun slaying of Richard C. Jahnke, 38, in 1982 by Richard John Jahnke, then 16, drew nationwide attention; and one of the justices lashed out at the news media for "carrying a preposterous story with missionary zeal."

The younger Jahnke said he killed his father after years of abuse and for fear the man would kill him and his sister, who was then 17.

The high court Wednesday upheld Ms. Jahnke's conviction of aiding and abetting voluntary manslaughter and her sentence of 3 to 8 years imprisonment.

Ms. Jahnke had argued her conviction was improper because she was originally charged with aiding and abetting first-degree murder, and that statements she made to police the morning after the shooting were improperly used against her.

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Geothermal aquifer needs new regulation

No one knows for sure, but it appears more than coincidental that the pressure in three Twin Falls area geothermal wells dropped significantly this fall following a September flow increase at the Canyon Springs Country Club.

Those drops have left scientists concerned that the geothermal aquifer under the city is not nearly as extensive as was earlier believed. What's just as important, in our view, is the apparent lack of adequate state law to protect the hot water aquifer as an energy resource, or to protect the rights of geothermal users.

The Idaho Legislature, in our view, should address these issues in the upcoming session. One proposal being discussed by Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, and the state water resources board, would treat geothermal water for its heat value, not just as water. That would change the meaning of "beneficial use" to limit uses for which cold water might be substituted, such as some fish farming and hydroelectric generation.

Another part of the proposal would stiffen the penalties for wasting geothermal energy. At the moment, the penalty is a \$300 fine under the "common nuisance" statute. A third aspect would improve the laws governing geothermal water by modifying the use concept to protect existing users against sharp changes in pressure.

Noh observes that legislative changes are needed because of past abuses. "We've taken these water resources for granted for too long." Sadly, he may be right. The same theme is echoed by hydrology scientist Charles Brockway, who has been studying the geothermal aquifer and now thinks it is much smaller than was earlier believed.

The development for geothermal energy in the Magic Valley and Idaho has great potential, but it is a potential which must be regulated better in the future. Senator Noh is right to propose some of the needed changes for legislative consideration at this time, and the Legislature, we think, should respond with the needed changes.

Thatcher may extend her long reign

LONDON—Neil Kinnock, leader of the Labor Party, recently visited the Soviet Union for the first time and a headline here announced

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Much for Kinnock, raising the question of how much is just the right amount for Kinnock.

His gift to Chernenko was not the usual Wedgewood or crystal but a 1969 British socialist newspaper with a cartoon showing a bomb at the Czar's feet. Poor Chernenko. Instead of a pretty artifact he gets a fatuous gesture of... what? Semi-solidarity? What did Kinnock mean? Never mind, say some of his defenders (yes, defenders), Kinnock doesn't mean anything.

It has been noted that Kinnock's predecessor as leader of the Labor Party, Michael Foot, spent his formative years opposing Neville Chamberlain, but Kinnock, 42, spent his opposing Lynden Johnson.

Kinnock is defended against the accusation that he is sincere. He practices, an observer testifies, "the frivolous earnestness of university politics." Being a socialist, he is required to be instantly dissatisfied. His rhetoric, at once vigorous and vapid, recalls the description of the socialist who could not blow his nose without moralizing about conditions in the handkerchief industry.

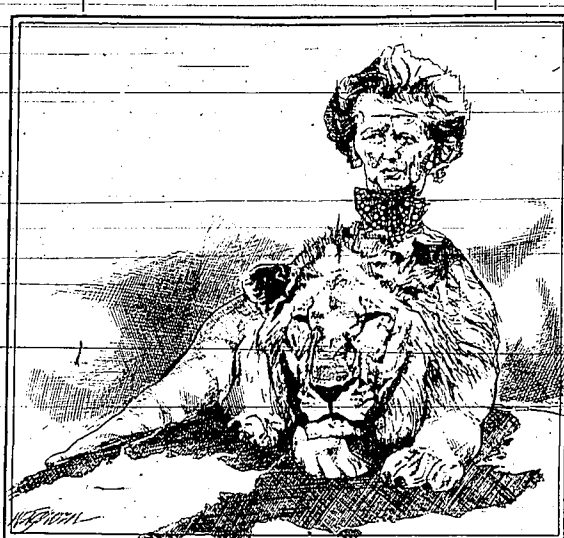
In an editorial trying to be nice to him, The Economist said, "His speeches are often meaningless, his policy thinking incoherent. He has no administrative or government experience. He could not read a balance sheet, write a white paper or run a staff." He says things like, "Freedom which depends on an ability to pay is no freedom but only privilege." So much for the freedom-or-privilege-to-travel, buy books, etc.

Because Kinnock has been insufficiently ardent in support of the violent and illegal miners' strike, the hard left calls him "Ramsay MacDonald." For all their talk of "communism" and being forward-looking, many British socialists are haters with retrospective casts of mind. Nothing is as astounding as comparison to Ramsay MacDonald, the first Labor prime minister, who "betrayed" the left by forming a coalition government in 1931.

Such is the demoralization of Labor, there is scarcely any opposition to Prime Minister Thatcher, aside from those in her own party called "wets"—those who lack her faith in the GPM (Glorious Free Market). The House of Lords can and does amend bills. And in Britain, too, there are politicized bishops who, having lost their flocks, put their energies into politics. But Thatcher currently has little to fear from Labor.

One contrast between Thatcher and Reagan is especially striking. Many Americans do not consider Reagan formidable other than as a vote-getter, but almost all Americans like him. Most British voters respect Thatcher, but few feel any affection for her.

Reagan's popularity gives him a cushion against political adversity. But Thatcher has a different advantage: "The enemy within." That is what she calls the "hard left" in and out of Parliament. The word "within" is a thinly veiled—very thinly—reminder of the other enemy she defeated, the



George Will

Argentine Junta.

Thatcher says the Conservative Party is the definite article "the" party committed to democracy. She is helped when Kinnock must spend a third of his speech to the Labor Party Conference explaining why the rule of law is a good thing—and then the Conference urges local governments to disregard the law setting spending limits.

Thatcher, now in her second term, has served five and a half years. The modern record for consecutive years of service by a prime minister belongs to Asquith (1906-1916). Thatcher is likely to break that record and then become the first prime minister since the beginning of democracy—since the 1832 reform bill—to win three consecutive elections.

To win a majority in the next election, Labor must win 118 additional seats. That would be a swing twice as large as the largest swing since the Second World War.

On a list ranking seats from those that Labor has the best chance to win down to those it is least likely to win, the seat that ranks 118th is one now held by a conservative MP named... Thatcher.

George Will writes for Newsweek.

It's time to outlaw the brutality and violence of boxing

WASHINGTON—The American Medical Association kicked up a nice, diverting hullabaloo last week with its recommendation that boxing be banned. Nothing will come of the proposal, but for the record this should be said: The AMA is right. Of course boxing should be banned.

My brother columnist Carl Rowan, a dedicated sports enthusiast, recently devoted his column to making a case in favor of boxing. Let me respond by offering a case against it.

Carl's first point is that boxing offers poor kids "an exit visa from their world of violence, crime, drugs, vice." He might have mentioned the example of Joe Louis and Sugar Ray Leonard in addition to the story of Cassius Clay. But the problem with this argument is that it falls of its own infinitesimal weight. For every poor kid who



James Kilpatrick

gains a measure of fame and fortune in the prize ring, there must be a hundred—more likely, 500—who never get beyond preliminary bouts in second-rate clubs. Many of these wind up as punch-drunk stumblebums, their occasional purses diverted by promoters and managers. The prize ring may offer riches for a few; it offers less than a minimum wage to the many.

Carl's second point is that many professions and many sports contain elements of risk that

are well-known to those who enter these. Box mining is dangerous; being a foreign envoy is dangerous; playing football is dangerous. Carl dwelled especially on the broken bones that go with football.

The point is interesting; it is also irrelevant. Injuries occur in every sport. Jockeys get hurt; race drivers are killed; but boxing is fundamentally different from these other sports. The object of racing is to get a horse or car first across the finish line. The object of football is to score touchdowns. The object of hockey is to get a puck in the net.

The object of boxing is to batter one's opponent into unconsciousness. The whole purpose of boxing is to inflict pain on the other.

For that is the crucial point. The injuries that occur on a football field are incurred accidentally. They may be unavoidable, but they are not intentional. We have referees to

impose penalties for personal fouls and unnecessary roughness. In the prize ring, by contrast, knockouts are the name of the game.

Carl's third point is perhaps his best point. He takes the libertarian view that it is nobody's business but the boxer's if a boxer wants to try a career in the ring. It's his own life and his own brain that he risks. Nobody else gets hurt. What right does society have to prevent a man from earning a living in the only way he knows how?

To this I would respond by saying that it is not the injury to prizefighters that concerns me. To be sure, it always is saddening when an athlete dies young. Those who knew Muhammad Ali in his prime, when he was as graceful and as dangerous as a leopard, must sorrow at the image of the man today. But to say that boxers bring their brain damage upon themselves is to duck the main issue. It

is not the boxers who are responsible. It is the society that puts up the purse.

How far have we come from the Roman colosseum? It was for the amusement of emperors, a part of their policy of bread and circuses, that gladiators met in mortal combat. Today's boxing crowds are not significantly different from the crowds that 2,000 years ago were howling for blood on the sands.

In urging state legislatures to prohibit these bloody and sometimes fatal amusements, the AMA is concerned primarily with the damage that prizefighting does to the brain. My own concern, as we nudge in imperceptible steps toward a higher order of human decency, is with the damage that prizefighting does to us.

James Kilpatrick writes his column, "A Conservative View," from Washington.

Letters / Surrender to regulation is step toward Communism

Child seat law unneeded

I, as a grandparent and by a God given right and supposedly by privilege granted by the state, am to be free to haul my grandchildren around unrestricted by a safety seat law? I will be baby sitters, taxi drivers, even parents if they can prove they have such a seat in the car. The news tells me that. How inconsistent! To a sound mind it is readily evident that some special interest group or groups have put on the pressure. Every time we, the people surrender to a regulation imposed, especially those that would eliminate a God given, Constitutionally guaranteed right we allow ourselves to go one step further under Communism no matter what we call it.

Allowing one control has always led to another and we need not be surprised if in the near future Congress surrenders to lobbyists and decides what kind of strollers, walkers or high chairs one must have.

There are parents who would not have room for the required seats. Oh, the grandparents could take an extra car. It will be fine for them to roll with the unprotected children as passengers.

There are parents who really are more concerned for their children's safety than Congress is who would like to be able to spend the price of a safety seat on adequate food for that state protected child but they will be forced to have that seat in evidence even if not in use.

When we sit back and accept as law, all regulations, even if those regulations destroy a lawful right it is so easy to say, "It is for our own good." We forget we were born with certain inalienable rights, that our brain is as good, and our natural parental concern is greater than that of any legislator. Still, with these regulations in effect our unforgotten, gun totting watchdogs feel free to drag us into court where the Constitution is ignored by the conspiratorial court system that has become a collecting agency for state and city, where

balance of power has been discarded. This system serves to keep the general public in submission through fear of their servants who now act as masters.

Now we need more jails. They say. We have adequate jail space if people are jailed, fined and punished when they commit crimes involving victims of person or property and the jails are emptied of the thousands of political prisoners now utilizing cells for doing nothing but exercising a God given right, never harming anyone. Still this would eliminate the need for a large portion of the watchdogs and far less money would be dragged in for the retirement funds, and for those in power to manipulate.

If we begin to walk the voting records of our Congress, both houses, and when they vote to enact a regulation, go into action, we can stop this. We, the people have no voice in what they do unless we have money, time and energy to lobby.

A good dose of extra warm tar, plus a bucket of feathers would be more persuasive than a special interest lobbying. I would be glad to apply either or both regardless of the consequences if enough people will become as concerned as I and go with me.

I owe far more to my fellow man than I do to a Congressman who is controlled or favorably influenced by those who lobby for self interest. Readers, there is anywhere in your life that you are not now controlled by government regulations... agencies?

MRS. E.H. RICE
Eden

Expand our news sources

Recently much mention has been made of the comparative worth of TV news and newspaper news as if one were "better" than the other. I think it is impossible to make a fair comparison because they are two entirely different entities.

One is like a young parrot—quick and

bright but shallow and flighty; the other is like an old dog—slow and dull but deep and dependable. In our household there is certainly room for both and no need to pit one against the other.

Our news day usually starts with the a.m. weather on Channel 4 at 7:15 a.m. By about nine o'clock we are through with the outside chores and early household tasks so we stop to have a cup of coffee and read the morning newspaper. At 7 a.m., we watch the McNeill-Lehrer News Hour and at ten we finish the day with KMYT's Newscast.

That gives us pretty good daily coverage, but even so, we do like to look over Time or Newsweek or some other magazine frequently for we can get from them even greater coverage of the news scene.

The books need not be current best sellers either. Just last week my husband and I were enjoying the increasing terrorism being reported today and he said that to find out how persons are deliberately trained for such acts I should read Jan Valtin's "Out of the Night." He'd gotten it through a book club when it came out in 1981 and after reading it had never forgotten it. So I read it—and I'll never forget it.

No TV show nor newspaper or magazine article could have given me such a chance to live in other times and in other places and undergo such unbelievable horrors and come away with perhaps more understanding and concern than I did gain and for, about those who perpetrate terrorism I can never be complacent again.

So my plea is that we not compare news media with the aim of limiting. Instead let us expand our sources and live in a wider and deeper and more caring world.

LUTH PERKINS
Buhl

Ad should be a letter

It seems that the newspaper misplaced Swensen's recent and commendable "grocery ad." Shouldn't it have been put in the "letters" section—or have ads and letters switched definitions?

STUART M. BEARUP
Twin Falls

Some of them were there

It was obvious from reading Dick Manning's article on "compulsory education" that he'd never used the education he seems to think he possesses to read any history. To even suggest that Goering would be foolish enough to have anything to do with a bunch of old fools who would think of rescinding the law on compulsory education is laughable, to say the least. While Goering himself may have been this foolish, his boss, good old Adolf, wasn't. Since he had studied and understood history, he realized full well the importance state-run schools, and the necessity for compelling the young to attend them. This can be verified by even a cursory reading of any of his earlier writings.

As a change from reading funny books and the Times-News editorial page, I would suggest he might try Mien Kampf. He has already read it. I can only come to one of the two conclusions. Either he is not intelligent enough to understand it, or he has decided that this is the kind of government we need in this country. If the former, I would suggest he read it again. If the latter, I would suggest he read the Rise and Fall of the Third Reich.

Of course, all rational, educated Americans realize that something like that couldn't happen here, but it has at least passing interest that in 1930, all rational, educated Germans

knew it couldn't happen in Germany. Only the "nuts" thought it was possible. Unfortunately, one of the "nuts" was named Hitler, and by 1940 all the rational, educated Germans were either trying to stay alive in concentration camps, or were goose-stepping along right with the nuts.

Before you write everybody who doesn't agree with you off as old fools, remember, some of these guys were there. Where were you?

BILL CLIFFORD
Jerome

Legislators were elected

After reading the editorial written by your City Editor, Dick Manning, in the Sunday Times-News, concerning our legislators, I would like to express my feelings about the derogatory way in which he referred to the elected officials of our state.

These people were elected by the people of this state, and should have the respect of the news media, even though they do not agree with their philosophy.

I feel that the names that Mr. Manning used in referring to these elected officials was in very poor taste. After all they were elected by the majority of the people of the state of Idaho.

If Mr. Manning's editorial was an example of educated writing, I must not know the meaning of education.

This editorial was "The straw that broke the camel's back." In the past, I have not been impressed with the way the Times-News always seems to slant the news in favor of the liberal philosophies. Therefore, as of this date I will not renew my subscription to this News Paper.

MR. JOHN A. STEVENSON
Rupert

Byrd keeps Senate Demos' leadership post

By DAVID ESPO
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia easily turned back a challenge from Sen. Lawton Chiles on Wednesday to win another term as Democratic "leader," then pledged himself to a two-year effort to end Republican rule in the Senate.

"We have worked diligently and painstakingly to develop a unified minority party," the West Virginian declared after winning his fifth term as Democratic leader on a vote of 32-10. "We are ready to work to regain a majority in the U.S. Senate in 1986."

He pledged Democratic cooperation over the next two years with Republicans "where we can," but said his party would "also work" to develop alternatives where President Reagan's legislative proposals were unacceptable.

Chiles said he realized on Tuesday that he would lose the race, and said he did so in part because Byrd had won commitments from senators even before there was a challenge to his leadership.

He praised Byrd's leadership and said he had met twin goals of running without "making a fool of myself" or dividing the party. But at the same

time, he suggested the West Virginian would face another challenge should he seek another term as leader in 1986.

"A challenge has been made now, so it's not so it can't be done," said Chiles, a third-term senator from Florida.

Byrd, 67, repeatedly sidestepped questions about whether he would seek another term as Democratic leader in two years, or perhaps abandon his leadership post for the chairmanship of the Appropriations Committee if Democrats regain a majority in two years.

"That question can wait . . . I have

my vision now on 1985," he said when asked about the future.

As for now, he said he favored spending reductions to reduce budget deficits, but added, "I assume the (Reagan) budget will be unacceptable" to Democrats.

He also indicated a possible weakening of his previous support for the MX missile, declaring the missile system appears to duplicate the midstream missile and at the same time is more vulnerable.

Byrd's election assured him of his fifth term as leader of the Senate's Democrats, the culmination of a slow, steady rise up the political ladder.

Elected to the Senate in 1968, he won his first leadership job in 1971 when he defeated the party's then whip, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts.

But even as Byrd was easily winning a new term, several Senate aides who asked not to be identified by name, suggested he might face a stronger challenge two years from now, particularly if the Democrats do regain the majority status they lost in 1980.

In addition to Byrd's election at a closed-door caucus of the Democrats who will serve in the new Senate, whip Alan Cranston of California was

re-elected without opposition, and Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii won another term as chairman of the party caucus. Sen. George Mitchell of Maine was elected without opposition to replace Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas as chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

Coming in addition to the struggle to select a new party chairman and an abortive conservative challenge to Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. in the House, Chiles' run at Byrd was further evidence of the ferment in the Democratic Party in the wake of a disastrous election last month.

Democrats picked up two seats in the Senate, even as they lost ground in the House and President Reagan won re-election, but even so, face the prospect of remaining the minority party in the Senate for two more years.

The Republicans gained control in 1980 with the election of 12 freshmen, and Democrats are fearful that if they don't defeat at least some of those Republicans when their first terms expire in 1986, the GOP will retain its majority status for years to come.

The 64-year-old Chiles campaigned as a "new face," and several senators said that in making his own nominating speech to the closed-door caucus, he emphasized the need for Democrats to change their image nationally to appeal to a changing electorate, with an eye on the 1986 election.

But Byrd presented himself as a symbol of "proven leadership."



Fittingly, Senators Robert Byrd, left, and Lawton Chiles address press in opposite directions

Appeals court kills return of dropped disability benefits

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — A federal appeals court has "perturbed" a judge's ruling here that restored benefits to thousands of people across the country who were dropped from Social Security disability rolls.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decided that U.S. District Judge Maryanne Trump Barry erred when she ruled in July that the Social Security Administration acted unconstitutionally when it restored benefits to those who appealed their cases administratively, but not to those who took their cases to federal court.

Mrs. Barry's ruling came in favor of two New Jersey residents who sued U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Margaret Heckler seeking restoration of their benefits, and those of others in similar situations.

The case involved people removed from disability rolls as a result of the periodic review program begun by

the Social Security Administration in 1981.

About 485,000 of the 1.1 million people reviewed in the past three years have been removed from the Social Security disability rolls. More than half have been reinstated through successful appeals.

Mrs. Heckler estimated the ruling applied to between 9,000 and 11,500 people. Mrs. Barry said her ruling would restore benefits for between 15,000 and 20,000 people, including 300 in New Jersey.

The appeals court ruling, issued Friday in Philadelphia, said Mrs. Heckler did not act rationally when she decided in April to restore benefits only to those whose claims had not been finally resolved by the Social Security Administration.

The appeals court noted that under a law signed by President Reagan on Oct. 9, the affected people could apply

for restoration of their benefits while they appeal their cutoffs.

The appeals court said the law, unlike Mrs. Barry's ruling, said that those interim benefits might have to be paid back to the government if the plaintiffs loses.

While Mrs. Barry's ruling restored benefits from April 1984, the law reinstates benefits starting one month after a plaintiff applies.

In her ruling, Mrs. Barry said the plaintiffs were "desperate people" who could not afford food, housing and health care without their Social Security checks.

The appeals court erased a preliminary injunction imposed by Mrs. Barry and sent the case back to her for further review in light of its decision.

"We're obviously pleased," Assistant U.S. Attorney John O'Farrell said Wednesday.

Donovan says he barely knew firm

NEW YORK (AP) — Labor Secretary Raymond J. Donovan, accused with past business associates of overstating payments to a minority contractor on a subway construction project, testified Wednesday he had virtually no contact with that firm.

"That was not my responsibility," Donovan testified in U.S. District Court. "My contact to that would be quite limited at best, because I did not have the technical background."

Donovan said his former company properly handled the subcontract in the \$186 million subway job.

"I don't think any crimes were committed," Donovan testified during his 3½-hour appearance. "In fact, I know no crimes were committed."

Donovan, a former construction executive, is accused with former business associates of larceny and other offenses for allegedly overstating payments to the minority-owned subcontractor from 1979 through 1984. His appearance Wednesday was his first public testimony on the charges.

Although he was charged in state court in the Bronx, Donovan appeared in federal court in his bid to have his case moved from state to federal jurisdiction. His trial is not expected for three months or more.

But Bronx prosecutor Stephen R. Bookin's questioning Wednesday touched on many of the points that are expected to come up at the trial.

Donovan said he had been unaware of the background of the subcontractor, Jopel Contracting and Trucking Co., played no role in hiring it and did not even see its 1979 contract until this year.

He said he co-signed a check for a \$200,000 advance to Jopel as a matter of routine in his position as executive vice president of Schiavone Construction Co., which ran the subway project.

"It was approved by the accounting department," Donovan said. "I know these people for 20 years. I look at this. It's in perfect order. They live by the system. And I sign it."

He said he signed between 90 and 120 checks that day.

Grain for Soviets going elsewhere

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the second day in a row, private exporters have switched destinations on a sizeable quantity of U.S. corn that originally was earmarked for the Soviet Union, the Agriculture Department said Wednesday.

A routine announcement said that 250,000 metric tons of corn — nearly 10 million bushels — had been changed from the Soviet Union to "unknown destinations" instead.

Sales are reported to USDA by private trading companies, whose identities are kept confidential, along with prices and other details.

The grain initially had been reported as sold to the Soviets for delivery during the 1984-85 year that began on Oct. 1, the second year of a long-term agreement which requires the Soviet Union to buy a minimum quantity of U.S. wheat and corn each year.

Nancy visits sick children; donates treats, machine

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nancy Reagan made her traditional pre-Christmas visit to Children's Hospital on Wednesday to give dolls and toys to sick youngsters and a \$25,000 heart-lung machine to the staff.

And when one of the infants nuzzled the first lady's hand and wouldn't let go, a doctor jokingly told Mrs. Reagan, "I think you'll have to donate the finger."

On her third trip to Children's Hospital since her husband took office, Mrs. Reagan visited every ward, stopping to cuddle and chat with all but the most seriously ill of the 230 children in the hospital.

At a ceremony in front of a towering Christmas tree in the

hospital's lobby, Mrs. Reagan accepted a \$25,000 heart-lung machine over to hospital officials.

The heart-lung machine purchased with the donation is already being used for a new technique, known by its initials, ECMO, that is curing newborn children of respiratory diseases that once killed nine out of 10 infants.

Among the children who greeted Mrs. Reagan was 6-month-old Bradley Hill, of Fredericksburg, Va., the "first ECMO baby" at Children's Hospital. Mrs. Reagan picked up the child, held her cheek-to-cheek and said, "Thank you for letting me hold her," to Bradley's beaming parents.

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Union, OSHA officials believe West Virginia gas plant safe

By DAVID GOELLER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A union official and the federal worker safety agency said Wednesday that Union Carbide's methyl isocyanate plant in West Virginia is safe, but they would not rule out the type of disaster that left more than 2,000 people dead in India.

"By-and-large, I think the plant is a safe one," said Dick James, Machinists' union business agent at the Institute, W.Va., facility that is 10 times larger than the Bhopal plant.

"It appears to be a safe plant," added Robert A. Rowland, head of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, at a hear-

ing by the House Energy and Labor health and safety subcommittee.

Asked by the panel's chairman, Rep. Joseph M. Gaydos, D-Pa., whether a Bhopal-type gas leak could occur in West Virginia, Rowland replied, "I'm sure anything's possible."

James, who worked at the plant 21 years ago, said he thought "such an incident in Institute is unlikely. I hesitate to say it's impossible."

He said that Union Carbide, which declined an invitation to appear at the hearing, has "adequate" safeguards to protect the plant's 1,400 workers and alert the area's 150,000 residents during an emergency.

But he disagreed sharply with Rowland over the need for more frequent OSHA inspections at the facility and at other chemical plants.

"I think more inspections are needed," James said. "I think there are an insufficient number of inspectors."

Rowland said that until OSHA sent a team of experts to Institute following the Bhopal disaster, there had not been a general inspection of the plant since 1982.

Gaydos asked whether he considered this adequate. "In this case, yes, absolutely, it's adequate," replied Rowland, who said the plant's safety record far exceeded that of the chemical industry as a whole.

But Gaydos and another subcommittee member, Rep. Steve Gunderson, R-Wis., both wondered whether a good record of protecting individual workers was any insurance against a major disaster.

Rowland said federal officials cannot be fully certain of the safety of the Institute plant until they know what went wrong at the Bhopal facility, operated by an affiliate of Union Carbide.

But, he said, "there are indications some of the safety devices present in West Virginia" were not present in Bhopal. He gave no details about the devices.

Gaydos said he considered the potential for disaster at Institute "an emergency" situa-

tion demanding a full review by OSHA.

"If we don't do something different, I would conclude we're going to have a disaster," Gaydos said.

Rowland responded that "we have no reason to believe" at this time this type of disaster is going to happen. I don't think it's productive to start a scare campaign. We don't have the answers."

Gaydos criticized OSHA generally for a "lackadaisical desire" and "a lack of sincerity" in enforcing worker safety laws and regulations.

Rowland, who took over the agency last July, said OSHA is "inspecting industries at record rates."

Murderer Stephens executed — allegedly tried suicide first

By DICK PETTYS
The Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Convicted murderer Alpha Otis Stephens was put to death Wednesday in an execution that required two separate surges of high-voltage electric current, and prison officials said he had apparently tried to kill himself hours earlier but then changed his mind.

Stephens, whose 10-year struggle to avoid the electric chair ended Tuesday with the failure of five separate appeals, was pronounced dead at 10:37 p.m. MST, 19 minutes after the first surge of electricity coursed through his body. The second jolt was ordered when doctors found he was still alive, six minutes after the first charge ended.

Prison officials said they discovered after the execution that Stephens, 39, had slashed his wrist with a blade from a disposable razor sometime between 8:15 p.m. MST Tuesday, when his head and legs were shaved to make better contact with electrodes, and midnight, when he was taken to the execution room.

"He made a small incision below his thumb on the left wrist," said prison spokesman Fred Steinfeld. "He evidently changed his mind because we found a wet towel he used to stop the bleeding."

The spokesman said officials "view it as a suicide attempt."

Stephens had been under 24-hour watch by two correctional officers



ALPHA OTIS STEPHENS
Had slashed wrist with razor

since Monday, when he was moved from death row at the Georgia Diagnostic and Classification Center near Jackson to a holding cell within the execution chamber.

Stephens' son's home and was shot twice in the ear at point-blank range. Stephens had earlier been sentenced to life for the 1973 shooting death of a rural Georgia grocery store operator.

Stephens appeared frightened as he entered the execution chamber, surrounded by six guards. He declined to see a chaplain and shook his head when Warden Ralph Kemp asked if he had final words.

Seconds after a mask was applied to his face, the first charge of 2,000 volts slammed through his body, forcing it upward against the restraining straps. His body slumped when the current stopped, two minutes later, but shortly afterward, witnesses saw his chest begin to heave.

During the required six-minute "cooling-off period," in which the body is allowed to cool before doctors examine it, Stephens' chest moved at least 23 times. Then two doctors told the warden that Stephens was still alive, and Kemp ordered the current reapplied.

Stephens apparently inflicted it while lying underneath the covers in his bunk.

He said the razor could have been smuggled in. "We don't know at this point where he got it. We probably never will," he added.

Stephens, who made two appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court, was sentenced to death for the 1974 slaying of Roy Asbell, of Macon, who interrupted a burglary at his son's home and was shot twice in the ear at point-blank range. Stephens had earlier been sentenced to life for the 1973 shooting death of a rural Georgia grocery store operator.

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Two organizations vow to seek aid for users of video display terminals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two national organizations representing office workers said Wednesday they will press for state legislation or regulatory action to improve safety standards and working conditions for the estimated 10 million operators of video display terminals.

Saying the Reagan administration has come to a virtual standstill on the issue, the Service Employees International Union and 9 to 5, the National Association of Working Women, said they are turning their attention to 18 states in the campaign for improved VDT safety measures.

"The health and safety problems faced by today's office workers are no less serious than the problems faced by industrial workers in the 1930s, and they are even more insidious because of our society's safe job," said Joe Sweeney, president of Service Employees, the AFL-CIO's 10th largest union with 850,000 members.

Sweeney and Karen Nussbaum, executive director of 9 to 5, the nation's largest membership organization for office workers, said neither the federal government nor any of the states has acted to counter a wide variety of "health problems associated with VDT use."

They said these include "vision strain or loss, muscle pain, stress and reproductive abnormalities."

"We're talking about the insurance claims processor who... developed a debilitating wrist injury requiring surgery, the legal secretary who suffered numbness in her arms and legs, severe headaches, eyestrain and a nervous breakdown after three years of eight hours a day on a word processor, the airline reservation sales agent who has seen a 50 percent rate of miscarriages and other pregnancy problems in their offices," said Ms. Nussbaum.

Since her organization established a VDT hotline in May 1983, she said more than 6,000 calls have been received from VDT operators who complained of such problems.

The two groups outlined model legislation, similar to a measure introduced last week by Massachusetts Legislature, that calls for heat and radiation shielding, adjustable chairs, desks and screens, glare reduction devices, mandatory visual examinations each year and flexible rest breaks, with a minimum of 15 minutes every two hours.

They also want "employees to give pregnant workers the opportunity to transfer to non-VDT work, at no loss of pay."

Scientists have long been concerned about the discovery of a dozen or so "clusters" of office workers using VDTs who experienced abnormal miscarriage rates.

Court stays execution

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

The state Supreme Court on Wednesday blocked Friday's scheduled execution of Stevie Lamar Fields, which would have been California's first execution since 1978.

All seven justices signed the order staying the execution of Fields, 26, a two-time killer sentenced in 1979 to die in the gas chamber for the robbery and murder of a 26-year-old woman. He also was convicted of a dozen other felonies, including rapes, assaults, robberies and three kidnappings.

The court ruled on a defense request for a writ of habeas corpus, which requires a stay of execution and consideration of a variety of defense arguments.

The last person to die in the California gas chamber was Aaron Mitchell on April 12, 1967, for killing a Sacramento policeman.

Union Carbide hit with suit

CHICAGO (AP) — An American relative of six victims of the poison gas leak that killed more than 2,000 people in India filed a class-action lawsuit Wednesday seeking \$50 billion in damages from Union Carbide Corp.

The suit, prepared by attorney Kenneth Dilkowsky, was filed on behalf of five adults and one child injured in the Dec. 3 disaster in Bhopal, India.

It was filed in U.S. District Court by Raj Shrivatsava, 50, of Chicago, who was born in India and is related to all six people named in the suit against

Union Carbide, whose subsidiary owns the Indian chemical plant where the leak occurred.

Dilkowsky said the extent of injury to the six plaintiffs was not known.

In addition to monetary damages, Dilkowsky said the suit seeks an injunction to prevent Union Carbide from "using, manufacturing or disseminating toxic chemicals" without first providing the court with evidence of safeguards to prevent their "accidental release" into the environment.

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Judge dismisses bid to drop 7 pesticides

By SALLY CARPENTER HALE
The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — A federal judge Wednesday dismissed a lawsuit over the Environmental Protection Agency's use of seven herbicides, saying the agency was not required to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act.

The suit asked a temporary injunction against the EPA's use of the chemicals along the nation's roadways while questions about the herbicides' effect on the environment were answered.

U.S. District Judge James Burns, in dismissing the suit, said Congress has

not required the EPA to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Attorneys for the EPA contended the agency was required only to comply with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, which does not require the environmental assessments mandated by the other act.

Paul Merrell, who filed the suit, contended the EPA was subject to the Environmental Policy Act's requirements, as are agencies such as the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management.

Merrell, who previously filed a lawsuit that resulted in a ban on her-

bicide spraying in Oregon and Washington national forests, said he "wouldn't be surprised" if he appealed the lawsuit.

He said he was disappointed by the ruling, but conceded the lawsuit was a "leap" into uncharted legal territory.

Government attorneys said Merrell failed to exhaust the administrative remedies available to him, such as filing a written petition with the EPA.

Merrell's attorney, Ralph Bradley, contended filing a petition with the EPA would be a "futile exercise."

Bradley said "data gaps" in studies of the chemicals' health effects should be filled before the herbicides are used.

Ex-Falwell backer sentenced for fraud

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A former fund-raiser for the Rev. Jerry Falwell's "Old-Time Gospel Hour" has been put on probation and ordered to pay restitution after he pleaded guilty of cheating an Oregon woman out of \$177,000 in retirement savings.

Salt Lake City defense attorney Greg Skordas said Wednesday his client, Paul Greiner, 46, Englewood, Colo., was an ordained minister who raised around \$1 million for Falwell's Baptist church before his arrest on fraud charges.

U.S. District Judge David K. Winder sentenced Greiner Monday following a plea-bargain agreement with the government.

Greiner was originally charged with one count of interstate transportation of stolen bank checks and two of mail fraud. The government dropped all but one count of mail fraud in exchange for the guilty plea.

Skordas said his client's job with Falwell's organization had been to meet with prospective donors who called in to the television program, broadcast from Lynchburg, Va.

"These people would watch the show, then Paul would go out and meet with them and explain the program," Skordas said. "He raised about a million dollars for the church."

The government contended that when Greiner solicited the \$177,000 from Naomi Burch of Orem in 1983, he told her Falwell's church would provide her with monthly annuity payments. Instead, the government said, Greiner kept the money.

Falwell's church reimbursed Ms. Burch and agreed to let Greiner repay the \$177,000 gradually. So far, he has reportedly paid back \$40,000.

Skordas said Greiner served 101 days of a five-year federal prison sentence beginning last summer.

Nursing home probe sought

PRICE, Utah (AP) — Carbon County Attorney Keith Chiara has asked the Utah Attorney General to pursue an investigation of charges of abuse at the county-operated nursing home in Price.

Chiara on Tuesday announced he would drop the investigation his office has been conducting because of charges that his office is biased.

"I've been told that some people who may be the target of the investigation are already saying I'm out to get them," Chiara said. "If I brought charges against them, they and persons sympathetic to them, would be convinced I was out to get them. But if I don't file charges, others in the community would think I'm trying to soft pedal the issues," he continued.

Chiara said the charges of abuse were serious, and needed to be dealt with in an independent investigation. And he said if he continued the investigation, he might find himself facing a conflict of interest.

"Since I am the Carbon County attorney, I am charged with representing the county," he said. "During the course of this investigation there might be some issues arise that would present a conflict of interest for me in representing the county. For this reason also I think an independent investigation would be better."

He also urged anyone with any information to relay to investigators on either side of the question to contact his office and he would put them in touch with the proper authorities.

Dedication ready for temple

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala (AP) — The new Mormon temple in Guatemala City will be formally dedicated Dec. 14-16 with 11 separate services, church officials say.

Nearly 15,000 visitors toured The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints temple during an open house that ended Monday, said Temple President John F. O'Donnell.

President Gordon B. Hinckley, second counselor in the church's First

Presidency, will perform the dedication of the building, marking its 12th temple dedication in the past 1½ years.

Once dedicated, the temple can only be used by faithful Mormons for marriages, baptisms and other ordinances considered sacred by the church.

There are 30,000 Mormons in Guatemala and more than 5.5 million worldwide.

Emergency workers' acts backed

SEATTLE (AP) — Emergency medical workers acted properly in responding to an accident in which a taxi driver, wrongly thought to be dead, lay unaided near the wreckage for almost five hours, a fire official said Wednesday.

Martin Joseph Waskosky, 23, was in critical condition in a coma at Harborview Medical Center on Wednesday, suffering from head and leg injuries, officials said.

A taxi driven by Waskosky was traveling at about 80 mph at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday when it vaulted off an embankment into a carport, smashed the top of a parked car, sailed over the deck of the house and traveled 200 feet down the 45-degree hill, police Detective Eric

Norberg said.

It took police 90 minutes to find Waskosky because of darkness and thick brush. Police dogs were brought in, and he finally was located 30 feet from the car, up against a stump and partly covered with dirt, said Deputy Chief John Church of the Seattle Fire Department.

"We checked for pulse and respiration and both were negative," Church said. His vital signs were not checked again because everyone concluded from the way the accident occurred and the way Waskosky was found — "head shifted dramatically to the right side and hyperextended down toward his chest" — that he was dead, he said.

Jazz trumpeter, 71, dies

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Funeral service are scheduled Thursday for Charles E. "Eddie" Teagarden, well-known jazz trumpet player whose career included stints with some of the top bands of the big band era.

Teagarden, 71, died Monday in a Las Vegas hospital.

Charles Teagarden's career included playing with bands of Paul Whiteman, Tommy Dorsey and Harry James.

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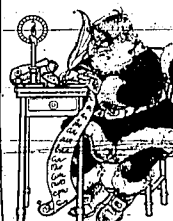
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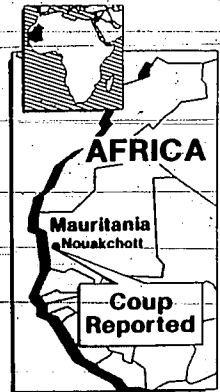
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World

Chief of staff assumes power in Mauritania



DAKAR, Senegal (AP) — The Mauritania army chief of staff seized power in a bloodless coup Wednesday while President Mohamed Khouna Ould Haidalla was away from the northwest African country for a summit meeting.

An official communiqué broadcast by Mauritania radio said — Col. Maouya Sid Ahmed Taya took control "in conformity with the will of the army and the supreme interests of the state and of the Mauritanian people."

A later communiqué broadcast by the radio, monitored in Dakar, said Taya had become president of the ruling Military Committee for National Salvation. It said the 24-member committee would remain "basically the same, but did not specify what other changes — if any — had been made."

The communiqué, broadcast in the several national languages of Mauritania, also announced a 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew throughout the country. All airports were ordered closed, it said.

Reports from Nouakchott, the capital, said the announcement of the coup caused no disrupting and that the residents of the capital were conducting their business normally. The only noticeable military reinforcements were near the radio and television stations and a few public buildings, the reports said.

Consoles radio reported that Haidalla, who had been in Bujumbura, Burundi, for the annual French-African summit meeting, arrived in Brazzaville, the capital of the Congo, on Wednesday aboard the plane of President Denis Sassou-Nguesso.

In Washington, U.S. State Department deputy spokesman Alan Romberg said he had no comment on how the coup might affect U.S. relations with Mauritania. He said the U.S. Embassy in Nouakchott reported schools and airports in the country were closed Wednesday.

Taya, a 41-year-old French-trained career officer, served as prime minister from April 1981 until March when Haidalla — Mauritania's president since 1980 — also assumed the offices of prime minister and defense

minister. Taya was part of a small group of officers who engineered the ouster of civilian President Moktar Ould Daddah in July 1978.

Daddah had been president since Mauritania's independence from France in 1960. He was overthrown by a military coup in 1978, and Lt. Col. Mustapha Ould Salek became president.

In 1979, Lt. Col. Ahmed Ould Bouceif became prime minister and effective leader of the country, although Salek remained as president. Bouceif died in a plane crash, and was succeeded as prime minister by Haidalla. Salek resigned, and Lt. Col. Mohamed Mahmoud Ould Ahmed Louly became president. After a January 1980 coup, Haidalla replaced Louly as president.

Mauritania, a largely desert nation on the western bulge of the African continent, has a population of almost 2 million. There have been reports of sometimes bloody confrontations between northern Moslem nomads and southern blacks.

Political observers in the region say

One faction was led by Haidalla, a strong supporter of the Polisario Front, which is fighting to win independence of the former Spanish Sahara from Morocco. The opposing faction, observers said, was thought to have included Taya.

The disputed territory was briefly part of Mauritania after Spain withdrew at the end of 1975. But Mauritania gave up the territory because of the continuing war with the Polisario guerrillas, and it was annexed by Morocco.

In February, Mauritania formally recognized the Polisario's Saharan Arab Democratic Republic, which claims to be the government of the disputed territory.

Mauritania, bordered by Morocco, Algeria, Mali and Senegal, is among African nations hard hit by drought. Two-thirds of its 400,000 square miles has been swallowed up by the Sahara, forcing many nomads into the cities to live. Grain production has fallen — the country now produces only about 5 percent of its food needs — and vast herds of cattle have died.



LT. COLONEL HAIDALLA
Mauritanian chief of staff

the ruling military council has been divided into two factions for some time.

Shultz doubts improvement in Soviets' opinion of West

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Secretary of State George P. Shultz said Wednesday he doubts the Soviet Union is changing its hostile attitude toward the West.

He also cautioned against expecting a "big breakthrough" when he meets with the Soviet foreign minister next month.

"While the Soviet decision to enter into new arms control negotiations is welcome, the road ahead will not be easy and Western patience and realism will remain the key to concrete progress in the coming months," Shultz said in a statement upon arrival in Brussels.

Shultz is in Brussels for the two-day biannual meeting of the NATO foreign ministers, which begins today. He plans to meet Jan. 7 and 8 in Geneva with Andrei A. Gromyko, the Soviet foreign minister.

In an interview with reporters during a flight to Brussels from London, Shultz denied reports that he and Secretary of Defense Casper W. Weinberger are at odds on most issues. He said there is "lots of agreement" between them.

"It simply isn't true that the Department of Defense is always on one side of issues and the Department of State is on the other," Shultz said. "That is not an accurate statement at all."

But Shultz did not deny that the two departments have different approaches to arms control negotiations, with the State Department more willing than the Pentagon to compromise to get an agreement.

"The point is that the president will make decisions about what position we will take," Shultz said.

Senior U.S. officials, speaking on condition that they not be identified, say there are major differences between the State Department and the Pentagon that threaten the formulation of a unified stand on arms control in time for Shultz's meeting with Gromyko.

However, President Reagan's recent appointment of arms negotiator Paul H. Nitze as a special adviser to Shultz — at Shultz's urging — is expected to strengthen the secretary of state's hand.

Shultz said he is "inclined to doubt" that his meeting with Gromyko, and Reagan's meeting with Gromyko in Washington last September, reflect a new Soviet policy toward the West. But he said they represent "opportunities for progress."

"We approach these without expecting any big breakthrough but we certainly are going to approach them with a sense of optimism," he said.

Shultz said Mikhail S. Gorbachev, widely believed to be the number two man in the Soviet Politburo, will arrive in Britain this weekend for talks with top British leaders and said he expects the British will report on those talks.

Shultz stopped off in Britain overnight to confer with the British foreign secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, on Tuesday.

Lord Carrington, the NATO secretary general, echoed Shultz's caution about the meeting with Gromyko.

Salvadoran government agrees to cease-fire announced by rebels

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — The government said Wednesday it would join a holiday cease-fire announced by leftist guerrillas.

The announcement was made by Information Minister Oscar Reyes in a telephone interview. When asked if the government agreed with the rebels' announced truce, Reyes replied: "We accept with pleasure."

Reyes said during that period government troops will "limit themselves to defensive actions."

The rebel leadership said Tuesday that guerrillas will not initiate attacks from Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31-Jan. 2, engaging only in defensive actions, "to give government soldiers a chance to be with relatives and

friends."

Reyes was asked whether the government would agree to extending the truce beyond a midnight Jan. 2 deadline — if there were such a proposal. He said it would not, because the rebels had originally turned down a Roman Catholic church proposal for such a truce during a peace meeting Nov. 30.

In a television interview late Tuesday, President Jose Napoleon Duarte's chief adviser, Julio Adolfo Ray Prendes, said of the rebel announcement: "This beyond doubt delights us." But he did not go into details or specify if government forces also would observe a ceasefire.

The rebel announcement was accompanied by the release of 43 government soldiers who had been held prisoner by leftist forces. The communiqué announcing the "total truce" for Christmas and New Year said it also was intended as a gesture to show that the rebels want to negotiate peace. Exploratory meetings between government and rebel leaders Oct. 15 and Nov. 30 had ended in deadlock.

At those meetings, the rebels insisted on negotiating a share of power, claiming their forces are strong enough to win five-year civil war.

Government representatives said that was unconstitutional.

Iran implies hijackers won't be extradited

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Prime Minister Hussein Musavi of Iran indicated Wednesday that his country will not extradite four men who hijacked a Kuwaiti airliner last week.

The United States has demanded that the hijackers, who killed two Americans, be extradited or prosecuted.

The official Iranian news agency quoted the prime minister as saying, "If handing over the hijackers was lawful, they should hand over the terrorists who have martyred hundreds inside Iran and who are now continuing their activities with the support of the Americans and the French."

He was referring to Iranian dissidents whose leaders live in France and who are accused by Iran of instigating a series of hijackings of Iranian airliners.

"Then we shall hand over the Kuwaiti Airbus hijackers to them. We are an independent country and we act according to the laws, and our beliefs," Musavi was quoted as saying.

Two Americans were killed by the hijackers during the six days the Kuwaiti airliner was in Tehran. On Sunday, Iranian security forces overpowered the Arabic-speaking hijackers and freed the remaining hostages.

On Tuesday, White House

spokesman Larry Speakes said President Reagan was outraged by Iran's behavior and demanded that Iran extradite or prosecute the hijackers. The United States accused Iran of "encouraging" "extreme behavior" by the hijackers and said effective action by Iranian authorities could have prevented the sayings.

According to Iran's Islamic Republican News Agency, Musavi charged — that — "the aggressive policies" of the United States caused the deaths of Americans Charles F. Hegna and William L. Stanford.

Musavi also was quoted as saying Iran owed no explanation about its handling of the situation.

The prime minister, citing comments by the pilot of the plane, the crew and passengers, said Iran's handling of the incident "was the best of all possible ways."

"If Iran had not acted in a logical way but in a gangster-mafia fashion, probably other passengers would have been killed," he was quoted as saying.

"The Americans still think that feudalism rules the world and therefore demand that Iran explain its handling of the hijacking affairs," Musavi said, according to the news agency.

"Iran explains nothing to anyone but God," he said.

Soviets to exhibit art held at airport

MOSCOW (AP) — Hundreds of works of art seized by Soviet customs officials from people attempting to smuggle them out of the country will be exhibited in the Byelorussian city of Brest, the official news agency Tass said Wednesday.

The exhibit at the Brest museum will include icons, paintings and other objects collected in the past 10 years in the city bordering Poland, Tass said.

Nikolai Alexeyuk, head of the Brest customs office, told the news agency some smugglers even "sawed big icons into pieces in the hope of getting them out undetected."

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Plans to restart plant may cause new evacuation

By RICK GLADSTONE
The Associated Press

PEKING — China and the Soviet Union announced Wednesday that Soviet Vice Premier Ivan Arkhipov will come to Peking next week. He is the highest-ranking Kremlin official to visit China since 1969.

A one-sentence announcement by Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Yuzhen did not specify how long Arkhipov will stay or provide details of his itinerary, except that he will arrive Dec. 21. The official Soviet news agency Tass also announced the visit, but gave no details.

Relations between China and the Soviet Union have deteriorated over ideological and territorial differences since 1960.

The Soviet vice premier had been scheduled to visit in May, but delayed the trip, apparently reflecting Krenin anger over the warm reception China gave President Reagan during his April 26-May 1 tour.

The official Soviet explanation for the delay was that Moscow had not completed its preparations. China said Arkhipov was welcome to come when the Soviets were ready. Arkhipov's trip comes at a time of increasing Chinese-U.S. dialogue, including a planned visit to China early next year by Gen. John W. Vessey Jr., chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the prospect of port calls by American warships at Chinese ports since the 1949 Communist takeover. It also follows five rounds of talks between the Communist superpowers on how to normalize relations.

"At the invitation of the government of the People's Republic of China," Ivan Arkhipov, first vice chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, is scheduled to visit China in late December, and will arrive in Peking on Dec. 21," Ma said at a weekly news briefing. He did not elaborate.

Hints of a thaw?

Russian official plans Peking visit

By TINA CHOU
The Associated Press

BHOPAL, India — The Union Carbide plant will go back into operation to process the remaining poison gas, authorities said Wednesday — an operation that might avert the evacuation of 125,000 people.

The announcement triggered a new exodus from Bhopal and created chaos at the city's train and bus stations. As many as 10,000 people, fearing another leak of deadly isocyanate gas like the one that killed several people, fled in buses, trains, trucks and cars, city officials said.

Mayor R.K. Bisarya has described the estimated 15 metric tons of gas remaining in an underground storage tank as a "time bomb ticking away." Madhya Pradesh state Chief Minister Arjun Singh said, "After a full examination, the scientists have come to the conclusion that since the gas leaked out of the factory while it was not working, the most practical and safe way of neutralizing the gas was its conversion into pesticides under the fullest safety."

The conversion process would start Sunday and take as long as five days, he said at a news conference.

Singh said restarting the plant — which was shut down after the deadly gas leak Dec. 3 — posed no danger. "There is no danger from the planned neutralization of the gas," Singh said. But he added: "If necessary, we will evacuate 125,000 people living near the factory to relief camps outside Bhopal. This we may have to do for their own safety."

Singh did not say when the state government would decide if an evacuation was required. He said the decision would be based on the advice of scientists.

It was a team of Indian scientists, the chief minister said, who decided the safest way to get rid of the remaining gas was to process it into pesticides, of which it is a component.

A technical team from the U.S.

Algerians go to polls today

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Algerians vote Thursday for Popular Assembly representatives in 1,541 counties and 47 provinces.

Some 60,000 candidates are running for the local offices, which have grown in importance under President Chadli Bendjedid's modernization programs. He has encouraged assemblies to develop local

Chariot handle cap brings \$15,500

LONDON (AP) — A bronze fitting from an Iron Age chariot sold at auction for \$15,500 Wednesday, 15 years after a schoolboy found it in a field of sugar beets.

The British Museum bought the fitting, a metal cap for a horn-shaped handle on the chariot, at Christie's

the highest-ranking Soviet official to visit China since 1969, when Alexei Kosygin, then Soviet premier, conferred with counterpart Chou En-lai.

Ma told reporters last week that if Arkhipov came to China, his schedule would focus on economic, trade, science and technology exchanges.

But a more senior official said China would raise political questions it regards as fundamental to the quarter-century rift between China and the Soviet Union.

"Arkhipov is in charge of economic affairs, that is his main responsibility," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "But Arkhipov also is one of the leaders of the Soviet government, and I think the subject of his talks will not be confined to economic questions."

Eastern European sources, who also spoke of condition of anonymity, said that if Arkhipov followed his original schedule, he would stay for 10 days and tour the Shenzhen special economic zone, where China experiments in capitalist-type management and gives preferential treatment to foreign investors.

China has called Arkhipov an "old friend," a reference to the 1950s era of Communist brotherhood when he was chief adviser in the Soviet Union's massive assistance program to the Chinese.

The Soviets withdrew all aid in 1960 after relations began deteriorating. Border clashes broke out in 1969, and some frontier points remain tense.

Moscow's influence on China's industry and architecture remains far-reaching, from the "Friendship Hotel" in Chinese cities to the sprawling Chinese factories, many still using Soviet-built machines.

China has said relations with the Soviets cannot fundamentally improve until Moscow removes what Peking calls the "three obstacles" — Soviet troops on the Chinese border, Soviet troops in Afghanistan and Soviet support for Vietnam's occupa-

tion of Cambodia.

China and the Soviet Union have held five rounds of talks on normalizing relations since October 1982, but no significant progress has been reported.

After the most recent talks in Peking in October, the two nations issued a communique saying "both sides considered consultations and dialogues useful."

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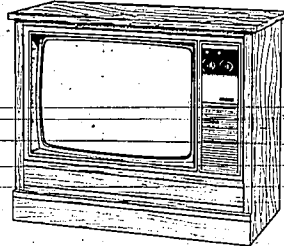
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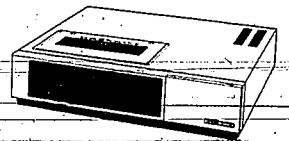


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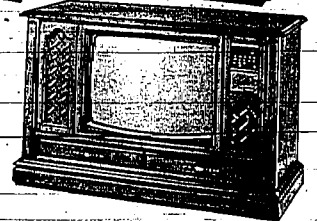
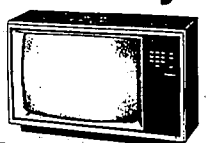
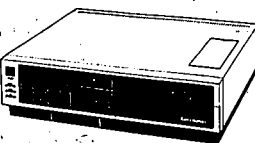
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IT CLOSED YEARS AGO, FARLING.

IT'S ALL GONE! WHERE'S THE PASTA? THE PEOPLE? THE PASTA?

YOU ALWAYS DID LOVE TO EAT.

SMELL... OLD HABITS TO BREAK.

12-13

Hagar the Horrible

I HATE WINTER! THE WELL IS FROZEN SOLID AND WE WON'T HAVE ANY FRESH WATER UNTIL SPRING!

NOT THAT IT'S ANY GREAT CONCERN TO YOU!!

12-13

The Born Loser

YOU ARE... A... VERY... HANDSOME... MAN...

WELL, I, UH, HEH-HEH...

12-13

Beetle Bailey

I GET TIRED OF HIDING FROM SARGE.

IT'S MORE TROUBLE THAN IT'S WORTH.

MAYBE TODAY I'LL GIVE HIM A BREAK.

BEETLE BAILEY IS IN.

12-13

Gasoline Alley

This will be Gretchen's room, Mom!

How nice!

We have our own bath-room!

How did Rover happen to end up with the room under the stairs?

I wuz jes' lucky!

12-13

Doonesbury

BOOPSE TELLS. UNWITS THE MOST DEPRIVED AND SHOCKING THING YOU'VE SEEN IN HOLLYWOOD SO FAR.

UH, HOLD ON. I GOTTA RUN OUT IF IT'S OKAY TO SAY.

HE WANTS TO KNOW WHAT'S THE MOST DEPRIVED AND SHOCKING THING YOU'VE SEEN OUT HERE.

DON'T TELL HIM. I ALREADY PRO-MIXED PEOPLE ON THE JUICY STUFF.

I'M SORRY. ON COME MARK. I CAN'T TELL YOU. YOU EVEN GIVE ME A HINT?

WELL, OKAY. IT BEGINS WITH 'O', AND YOU DO IT IN THE SHALLOW END OF A POOL.

BOOPSE!

12-13

Peanuts

I'M REALLY TRIMMING DOWN MY CHRISTMAS CARD LIST THIS YEAR...

MILDRED, DANNY, ESTHER, MABEL, FRED, JOE, LYDIA, VERNIA, EMIL, FLOYD... I CROSS'EM ALL OFF!

I'M DOWN TO... ONE LAST NAME...

AND THERE GOES JESSIE!!

12-13

Blondie

WITH THANKS FOR FIVE YEARS OF HARD WORK.

BUT, MR. OTHERS, I'VE BEEN HERE LONGER THAN FIVE YEARS!

I KNOW...

BUT YOU'VE ONLY GIVEN ME FIVE YEARS OF HARD WORK!

12-13

Andy Capp

STILL NOT TALKING, FLOP?

NOT YET, RUBE.

BUT BY TEATIME HE'LL SAY HE'S DECIDED TO FORGIVE ME...

AFTER ALL, YOU CAN'T ASK SOMEONE FOR MONEY IF YOU AREN'T SPEAKING TO THEM CAN YOU?

NOT REALLY.

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Wizard of Id

THIS MAN IS CHARGED WITH LOITERING IN A REST AREA.

WELL?

I DON'T GET NO RESPECT.

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Broom-Hilda

IS THAT COFFEE STRONG ENOUGH?

YES!!

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Hi and Lois

DOES TRIXIE WALK YET?

NO.

YOU SHOULD SEE MY JASON. JUMP AND RUN AROUND.

SHE PROBABLY PUTS HIS DIAPERS ON TOO TIGHT.

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ACROSS

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L.M. Boyd

What's what

Item No. 8222C in our Love and War man's file is a marriage counselor's conclusion about one divorce case: "They're equally at fault. He's a selfish, lazy, brutal drunk. A sulter who never gives his wife a penny. She hags."

Q. What's the world's oldest self-propelled vehicle?

A. A steam locomotive - Burnside. It's in the National Museum of American History. Sent here from England in 1831.

In some parts of India, women speak in a vernacular not understood by men. An attempt to make the obvious joke of this, but in fact, it is not humorous, but horrible. When women devise secret tongues, it's almost invariably because they must do so to survive. It is now widely known that in India, another bride is burned to death by a dowry-demanding husband and his relatives every 12 hours.

Q. You said Shakespeare never ate asparagus. Why not?

A. Same reason he never ate celery. None grew in England then. He might have enjoyed the new food fad of the day by eating a cucumber, however.

If that three-digit phone prefix doesn't have either a "1" or "0" in the middle, it's not an area code.

Q. What possible good can hurricanes do?

A. They dissipate the heat that builds up along the equator. And contribute to the rainfall both to the north and south. Experts can take a chapter or two to tell you hurricanes do more good than harm.

Q. You put cream in coffee to keep it hot, right?

A. Quite right, according to those who do that. The cream first cools the coffee just enough, then forms an insulating layer of fat molecules across the surface to hold in the heat that's left.

However much you crave the syrup, don't tap that maple tree until it's 40 years old.

You say strangers scare you? Ah! You've got "xenophobia."

If you can hum the refrain to that ditty generally recognized as "On Wisconsin," then you know the most popular song in American high schools, colleges and universities.

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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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Daily Horoscope

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You will have a strong urge to demand a change and if it must be, it is good and not to be dreaded as it is followed by some opportunities to improve present conditions.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You begin by putting a new course of activity in motion but then realize it can be utilized to better another plan.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You have some method in mind that will make you more efficient and your life richer, so get right at it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You plan to have an easy day at routine, but something may come up to change this, and you get a new slant on life.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) If other expenses arise today, study them carefully before you commit yourself to them. Be wise.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Your interests can be extended, but they may not work out just as you had planned, yet you get fine results.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A plan to gain your wishes appears to be going smoothly but suddenly you encounter obstacles, but this relieves you of worry.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You plan to come to a better understanding with friends, but his can happen in a round-about way. Show your loyalty.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A new attitude is required if you are to gain from that vital worldly affair, but be more modern.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You feel that a newcomer can help you to solve a problem, but another one is more apt to do so later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Being more cooperative with debtors and creditors can bring about fine results now. Your mate may be ir-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Be with the partners with whom you work very well and accomplish a good deal now. Be social tonight.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Get your environment changed around a bit and be happier in it. Don't be surprised if there are changes of personnel at work.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be capable of comprehending big projects and can carry through with them very wisely and when one has petered out, will wisely turn to another and do very well with that. Be sure to give a fine academic education since your progeny is most intelligent and resourceful.



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Followers of the Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh pay homage as he passes by in his Rolls-Royce.

Rajneeshees honor guru's birthday with 5 days of singing, meditating

RAJNEESHUPURAM, Ore. (AP) — About 1,700 disciples of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh celebrated the Indian guru's 53rd birthday Tuesday with a fifth day of singing, dancing and meditating in praise of the man they consider "nature's gift."

The followers from around the world had come to this central Oregon commune-city for a festival billed as "Five Days of Celebration and Gratitude to Nature for His Existence."

Rajneesh's philosophy emphasizes living for the moment, although the guru says it will be at least 20 years before he dies.

"We try to live in the here and now as much as possible, rather than the future," said Swami Anand Anshumali, a Rajneesh spokesman.

Tuesday morning, followers gathered for "satsang," meaning "communion," a meditation session between disciples and their master.

Two 300-pound birthday cakes were the centerpiece for Tuesday evening's celebration at Rajneesh Mandir, a large hall serving as the city's main gathering place and meditation center, Anshumali said.

Rajneesh meditates with his followers only four times a year, including his birthday, making it a special religious event.

His disciples see him almost every day, however, when they line up during a ritual "drive-by" that evolved after Rajneesh began driving one of his Rolls Royce automobiles around the commune. The guru also recently broke a two-year period of public silence with nightly discourses to selected disciples.

Most of the birthday visitors were from Europe, including many Germans, while others are from Japan, Australia and New Zealand, Anshumali said.

Five-day May costs — each Rajneesh meal — \$756 for vegetarian meals and lodging, the price varying on the type of accommodation.

Anshumali said a state electrical inspector's decision last Friday to turn off power to some of Rajneeshpuram's "unwired tents" has not dampened the spirits of those attending the festival.

Wasco County officials claim the tents violate the state building code

and should be dismantled. Many of the tents house homeless "street people" imported to Rajneeshpuram this fall from around the country.

Rajneeshpuram Mayor Swami Krishna Deva said Tuesday that another incident also has had no effect on the celebration.

He said a caravan of about 20 cars came through the commune-city Sunday, organized by a loose-knit group of anti-Rajneeshes from calling itself "Save Our State."

Anshumali said members of the caravan sported T-shirts saying "Bhagwan Busters" and vehicles bore bumper stickers reading "Better Dead Than Red." The guru's followers wear from shades of red at Rajneesh's direction to display "the colors of the sunrise."

Barbara-Hill, a woman from a nearby town who said she participated in the caravan, confirmed many in the group wore the T-shirts and cars had the bumper stickers.

Mysterious vigilante shoots down robber

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A mysterious vigilante shot to death one of two robbers and returned money stolen from an elderly holdup victim, but police say that if he is caught, he'll probably be charged with the shooting.

"It's nice to have citizen involvement," Police Lt. William Hall said Tuesday. "But in this case, our Good Samaritan may have gone too far."

"When we find him, there's a good chance the district attorney will file

some kind of charges. It would have been nice if this guy had held these men at gunpoint until we arrived. We would have saluted him," Hall said.

The gunman interrupted a robbery Sunday in south-central Los Angeles, shot and killed one of the bandits, then returned money stolen from an elderly man before vanishing "like the Lone Ranger," police said.

By Tuesday, police had located the holdup victim and the second alleged robber, but the man with the gun was

still unidentified and missing. Stacy Drayton, 19, was arrested near the holdup scene and booked for investigation of murder, officers said. Under California law, participants in any felony may be charged with murder if someone dies, regardless of who pulls the trigger.

The dead man was identified as George Darryl Charles, 20, of Los Angeles, police said.

Officers refused to identify the robbery victim.

Chimney only works out for Santa Claus

LAKEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — An 8-year-old boy who got locked out of his house figured he might as well try that time-honored method of entry used by Santa Claus.

When he did, he ended up stuck in the chimney for 4½ hours.

"He was scared, but he's a tough little fellow," Bancroft Fire Lt. Chuck Smith said of Jonathan Varney. Firefighters had to use hammers and chisels to remove bricks in order to free Jonathan, who became stuck 20 feet down the smoke-chute Tuesday, Smith said.

The boy lost a tooth in the recovery, but otherwise suffered only cuts and bruises, and was treated at St. Anthony Hospital Central and released, hospital officials said.

When he emerged from the chimney, Jonathan "looked like an old-time chimney sweeper, completely covered with soot," Smith said.

Apparently the boy entered the chimney shortly after arriving home from school, and was inside for three hours before his mother came home and heard his cries for help, Smith said.

It took firefighters an hour and a half to free him, Smith said.



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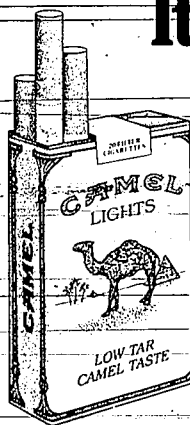
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State seeks items confiscated in drug busts

By PAT MARCANTONIO
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Silver ingots valued at \$11,000, an electronic scale, \$625 in cash and a Corvette seized in a Nov. 14 drug bust in Twin Falls County may end up in the hands of the state.

A claim for the items was filed this week by Department of Law Enforcement Director John Rooney in Fifth District Court in Twin Falls. It was not an unusual action in drug cases.

A state law concerning illegal drugs states that any property used or involved in drug trafficking or purchased with illegal money can be forfeited to the state, says Merrill Kelley, the regional supervisor of the department.

According to the claim, a search warrant was issued on the residence of Tami F. Webb, located about two miles east and three miles north of Twin Falls. At the residence, five pounds of marijuana, 37 grams of cocaine, \$625 in cash, a scale and a safe were seized. A few days later, the safe was opened after another search warrant was obtained. Inside was more than 154 grams of cocaine, 65 grams of heroin, 15, 100-ounce silver bars and 25 one-ounce silver rounds, the claim states.

A 1980 Corvette belonging to Charles Henry

Raney, no address available, that was parked at the residence also was seized during the drug bust. According to another claim from the department, the car was used in an alleged delivery of drugs to a Boise woman Sept. 18.

Kelley had no estimates on the value of the car or scale. He says the ingots were worth \$11,000 and the silver rounds valued at \$200.

The state does not automatically obtain ownership of the seized property.

A hearing will be scheduled and the state will have to prove the property was used or involved in the drug trafficking, Kelley said.

If the state proves its case, the judge will award the property to the department.

The owner of the property can hire an attorney and contest the claim, which occurs in 50 percent of the cases, he says.

Any money forfeited to the state will be placed in the general fund. Other property may be sold at public auction. Seized cars may either be sold or used in future drug investigations by narcotics agents, Kelley says.

Vehicles are the most common items seized during drug arrests, he adds.

The state law, however, states that aircraft,

ships or any other vehicles used or intended to be used to transport or help in the transport, sale, receipt, possession or concealment of illegal drugs can be subject to forfeiture.

Even real estate purchased with illegal funds can be forfeited to the state, Kelley says. But, this was difficult to prove in court, he adds.

Money that is found in "close proximity to contraband controlled substances" and any equipment or raw materials used to manufacture, process, contain or dispense illegal drugs also may be forfeited.

The forfeiture claims filed by the department are civil procedures and separate from any criminal charges also filed as the result of any arrests, Kelley says. If a person is found innocent of the criminal charges, the department usually proceeds on the seizure of the property through the civil courts.

In addition to losing property, a person convicted of drug charges can be ordered by the court to repay the Law Enforcement Department for the amount of money used by narcotics agents to purchase drugs from suspects.

As for any drugs seized during arrests, they are destroyed after the criminal and appeal process has been completed, Kelley says.

Book not yet closed on probe

TWIN FALLS — The book is not closed on the month-long, state-wide investigation that netted 14 suspects last month in Twin Falls County and others in Boise and at the Idaho State Penitentiary.

A preliminary hearing will be held Monday afternoon in Elftth District Magistrate Court for three people arrested in the Twin Falls County roundup.

Diane F. Nogler, 22; Tammy Fay Webb, 22, also known as Tammy-Fay Sartain, and Tylee Harmon, 32, of Eden face felony charges of possession and intent to sell marijuana. About five pounds of marijuana were seized at Webb's residence, located northeast of Twin Falls Nov. 14.

Other people arrested that same day at the residence were charged with misdemeanors. Nine more people were taken into custody in Boise,

Boise police also expect to arrest inmates for drug smuggling at the prison.

Boise police had reported earlier that some of the Twin Falls suspects had been "suppliers" of drugs to the people charged in Boise. The prison investigation in turn was connected with the Boise arrests.

The Department of Law Enforcement is continuing its investigation into what has been called a major drug ring in the state, reports Merrill Kelley, the regional supervisor of the department. He wouldn't say if more arrests are expected in Twin Falls County.

The arrests in Twin Falls and Boise involved the department, Boise and Twin Falls police, the Idaho State Police, the Twin Falls Sheriff's office and two federal agencies.

Canal Co. fighting claims from flood

By BOB FREUND
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Salmon River Canal Co. is fighting court charges by farmers whose property was damaged when officials drained water from Salmon Falls Reservoir near Rogerson last spring.

The irrigation company also now has filed a lawsuit against its insurance carrier, which rejected the canal company's claim for coverage.

In a motion filed Monday with Fifth District Court in Twin Falls, the Salmon River Canal Co. of Hollister is seeking dismissal of \$5 million worth of punitive damages and of charges that its water trespassed on the property along Salmon Falls Creek below the dam.

A lawsuit filed by 36 individuals and companies against the Hollister-based canal company in November had alleged "willful, wanton, grossly negligent conduct done without regard" for downstream property owners in the way it managed the reservoir last spring.

The company is liable for property damage caused by abnormal amounts of water it releases from the reservoir, their attorneys are arguing.

Large amounts of runoff water from mountain snows forced the canal company to spill excess water from emergency gates for the first time in its history. The earthen foundation for a highway bridge near Castelford washed away shortly after the spill.

ing began, and the resulting flood swamped irrigation pumps and other property.

The farmers are asking for repayment of their repair bills and crop losses. They also are seeking \$5 million in punitive damages and asking the court to triple the damages because the company's water trespassed on their property.

However, the canal company said in a court motion that the law allows for neither punitive damages nor the charge of trespassing. Attorney Lloyd Webb also said Wednesday that the canal company will fight any payment for property damages downstream when the case comes to trial.

At the same time, the irrigation company has had to seek court action to bring its insurance carrier, Industrial Indemnity Co. of San Francisco, into the legal battle.

Industrial Indemnity refused to extend any coverage from the \$1.5 million worth of policies it carries on the Salmon Falls Reservoir. Claim supervisor Al J. Campbell invoked clauses in the policies that absolve the company of liability in cases arising out of the rupture, overflow or leakage of the dam.

However, the canal company says the insurance carrier should be forced to provide coverage, because the water releases were done during normal operation and the dam never broke or flowed over the top.

No trial date has been set for either case.

Four new members set to take hospital posts

TWIN FALLS — Four new members will be serving on the board of directors of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in the coming year.

The Twin Falls County commissioners announced the appointments Wednesday. They include Lee Popplewell, former Buhl elementary school principal, who fills an unexpected term.

Other members are Elaine Phillips of Twin Falls, community political leader; Kent Taylor of Kimberly, an attorney; and Lee Odenwald of Twin Falls, president of Idaho Frozen Foods.

Commission Chairman Ann Cover said Popplewell will assume duties immediately, filling the unexpected term of Jerry Hawkins of Buhl.

Hawkins is resigning because of the press of personal business with one year remaining on his term.

The others will fill expiring terms of Jack Claiborn of Kimberly, present

board chairman, and members; Doll Smith of Twin Falls and DeVon Anderson of Murtaugh.

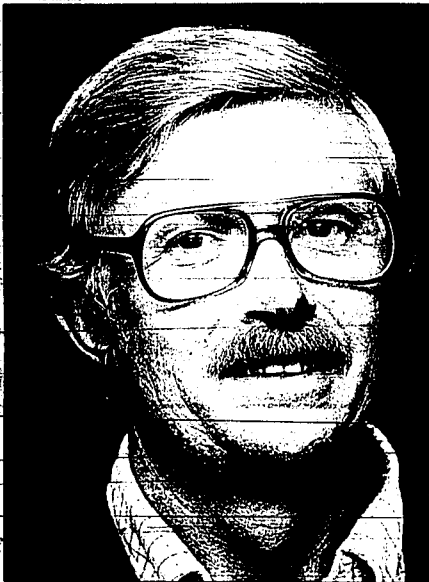
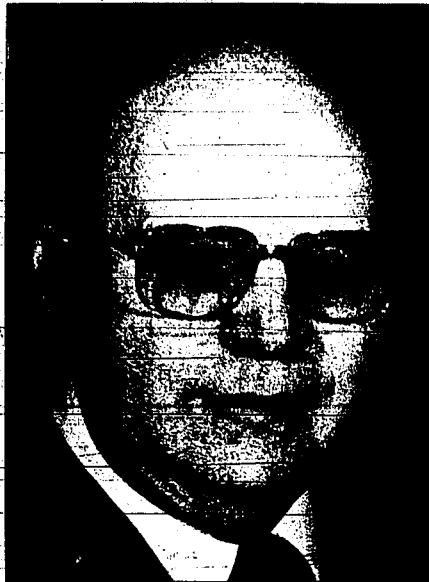
Cover said Phillips, Taylor and Odenwald will be sworn in to begin their terms at the first of year.

Commissioner Judy Follon said board members are selected on a variety of qualifications including commitment to education especially as it pertains to health care, political balance of the board and geographic representation.

"We have a long list of criteria. In fact, both the Idaho Association of Counties and the Idaho Hospital Association have adopted our list of qualifications as guidelines to be used in other counties for hospital board makeup," Follon said.

Each term is for three years and Twin Falls County commissioners permit each board member to serve only two, three-year terms before being replaced by a new appointment.

Running for the CSI board



Jay Smith, left, and Thad Scholes, right, are both seeking the CSI board position currently held by Scholes

Smith seeks improvements in vo-ag program at school

EDITOR'S NOTE — Twin Falls and Jerome county voters will go to the polls Dec. 18 to determine a two-man race for a spot on the College of Southern Idaho board of trustees.

There are no precincts. Any U.S. citizen of the age of eighteen who has lived in Jerome or Twin Falls counties for at least 30 days is eligible to vote at one of the 11 polling places across the two counties.

Incumbent Dr. Thad Scholes and Jay Hamilton Smith are seeking election to the five-man board of trustees. The term of office is six years.

By DEAN S. MILLER
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Improvement of the vocational agriculture program is a high priority for CSI trustee candidate Jay H. Smith. Smith is running for the board for the second time against incumbent Dr. Thad Scholes.

"The vocational agriculture programs should be improved to the point that credits are more acceptable at other colleges," he says. "Through the vocational programs at CSI are not necessarily

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Scholes concerned about college's financial health

By DEAN S. MILLER
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The financial health of the College of Southern Idaho is a foremost concern for incumbent board of trustees candidate Dr. Thad Scholes.

Scholes, who was appointed to finish the term of Lloyd Hamilton in 1981, was elected to the board in December of 1982 over a field of four opponents, including Jay Hamilton Smith, his current opponent.

Scholes says state funding of the college should be upgraded to be

on even footing with the state-supported, four-year schools.

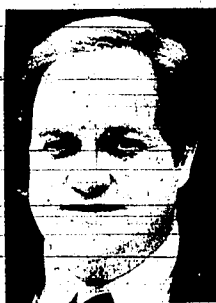
In addition to stronger state support, Scholes sees the newly established CSI Foundation as a source of money for long-term projects, not operating funds.

In addition, Scholes would like to see the CSI district expanded beyond Twin Falls and Jerome counties to all eight counties in the Magic Valley.

"They all benefit from CSI, they all have students at CSI, and there is economic fall out in every one of those counties."

• See SCHOLES on page B2

Personalities make sparks in teacher contract negotiations



By DEAN S. MILLER
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With teacher contract talks stalled in their ninth month, personality clashes surfaced at a Tuesday meeting of the Twin Falls School District Board.

Temper flared during a heated exchange concerning the board's decision to reduce employee insurance benefits before a negotiating session planned for Dec. 17.

Teacher negotiator Jana Roy accused the board of personal animosity against the union negotiating team.

Board member Robert Knighton threatened to publicly release a letter from teacher negotiator Jeanne Alban that he said showed personal animosity. When Alban and Roy responded, Knighton offered to "continue this discussion outside."

Knighton said Wednesday, "I challenged a teacher last night, and I apologized for singling her out."

"I was shocked," Roy said Wednesday. "Until

last night, I didn't really even aware this was such an emotional issue to the school board."

"I think it is important that all of us keep our heads and deal directly with the problem, not the individual personalities that have to solve the problem," Roy said.

"My goal is to maintain an objective, professional attitude throughout this crisis and the school board should expect nothing less from the school board," she said.

"I have talked with countless teachers; that goes with the territory," Knighton said. "I don't like some of the harassment. We have been subjected to some really incredible things," he said.

Knighton says he has received "hateful, nasty and mean letters" and obscene phone calls and has been pushed and jammed into by teachers in the administration building as he left a board meeting.

Knighton says the union claims to discourage anonymous and obscene communications, but he says the tone of the "Table Seraps" negotiations newsletter put out by the negotiating team encourages the attacks.

Knighton says the newsletter is full of inaccuracies and is written in an inflammatory style.

A high school teacher has told the board she will never forgive the school for what happened in negotiations, Knighton said. Knighton said his daughter will be entering high school next year and he fears she may encounter difficulties with that teacher.

He said he is sensitive to criticism of the board at this point, but "it isn't going to affect the decision I make as a board member as far as negotiations are concerned."

"I've been here so long, Jenny Dougherty," said board secretary Jenny Dougherty. "This has dragged on for so long, people are exhausted and emotions are high," Dougherty said. Dougherty has been an employee of the district for 12 years.

"When we are making decisions about the living of 500 people, we don't need personality conflicts," says board member Gary Fay.

Fay says the letter Knighton threatened to publicize was "extremely critical and in-

sulting."

"We're divorcing ourselves from the negotiations," Fay said. The board has hired trained negotiators from the Idaho school board association to conduct negotiations this year and next year.

Fay said Knighton's emotional statements occur about once every year. "Bob kind of gets it off his chest," Fay said.

Knighton, who is the senior member of the board with eight years experience, says negotiations have gotten more acrimonious since 1981.

He says in 1981 the board recognized it had \$1 million in carryover funds and that the fund had to be reduced.

"The TFEA (teacher's union) saw we had the hucks," he says. Now the union can't or won't believe the district has offered the union as much as it can, Knighton says.

The board's offer of a \$13,500 starting salary and a \$24,570 peak salary would cost the full \$597,000 appropriated to the district under House Bill 475, Knighton says.

Briefly

Jerome house burns to ground

JEROME — Damage estimates in a house fire in Jerome County Tuesday morning were listed at \$20,000 to \$25,000 Wednesday.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Larry Webb said the home, which was owned by Henry Stammerjohn, was "burned to the ground in a fairly morning fire that was reported shortly before 1 a.m."

He said the building had been vacant for about eight years and was being remodeled by the owner for rental purposes. An oil stove in the home was lighted for warmth during the remodeling process. There were no other turnings in the building.

"Apparently the chimney hadn't been cleaned out in the eight years since the house was occupied. We think the fire started in the chimney and smoldered for some time before it was discovered," Webb said.

The fire was reported by a resident of the area who happened to be driving past. Don Rupert, Jerome rural fire department chief, said by the time his men and equipment arrived the entire building was in flames and the roof had collapsed.

Workshop offers financial info

GLENN'S FERRY — The Glenn's Ferry High School will sponsor a financial aid workshop for seniors and their parents at 6 p.m. Monday in Room 27 at the school.

David Perkins, financial aid officer at the College of Southern Idaho, will give a presentation on financial aid. He will also discuss how to complete the necessary forms for all such assistance.

Seniors and their parents are specially invited to attend.

Sawtooth Forest job signup set

TWIN FALLS — The Sawtooth National Forest is now looking for seasonal job applicants, but the job openings will be few and competition keen.

Sawtooth National Forest personnel officer Joe Berry says that applications can now be picked up at any Forest Service office. The applications may be used to apply for seasonal work on any National Forest in the country, Berry says.

The deadline for submitting the applications is Jan. 15.

Anyone applying for a seasonal job must be at least 18 years old and able to perform the work for which they apply.

Applicants are given equal consideration, regardless of race, color, sex, creed, or national origin.

For more information, call Ed Waldapfel at 737-3200.

Man faces lewdness charges

JEROME — An Eden man was in Jerome County jail Wednesday in lieu of \$21,000 bond awaiting preliminary hearing on charges of battery, lewd and lascivious conduct with minors.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Larry Webb said David Wallace Winette, 22, of Eden, was arrested late Tuesday and arraigned in Fifth District Magistrate Court Wednesday. He was granted the services of the public defender and requested a preliminary hearing.

Webb said the charges involve alleged incidents over the weekend involving two six-year-old girls. The alleged offenses were reported Sunday to the Jerome sheriff's office.

Redi-Spuds adds frozen products to operations at Glenns Ferry plant

By BOB FREUND
and DIANA HOOLEY
Times-News writers

GLENN'S FERRY — Redi-Spuds of America will add frozen potato products to its fresh-pack operations at Glenn's Ferry, company executives said Wednesday.

John Hodder, vice president of operations for parent company Marvin Properties Inc., of San Lorenzo, Calif., said the company will install and start up a frozen food processing line by early March.

"We plan to produce frozen products there for our own use and also under a contract," said Hodder, who came to the factory last week to announce the expansion to employees.

The new processing line will add jobs to the factory. However, it will put the plant's second shift — which now works part-time — on a full-time, permanent schedule. The Glenn's Ferry facility employs 70 workers, said Hodder and plant manager Bobby Whitlock.

Redi-Spuds will start a \$1 million project to install the new processing

line during February, Whitlock said. After it's operating, the plant will produce types of frozen hash browns and french fries under contract for an undisclosed company, he said.

Hodder declined to describe the product or the company involved, except to say that the potato product was developed and is being produced by Redi-Spuds' sister company, Cut & Dry Foods, also of California. Hodder said Redi-Spuds recently negotiated a long-term contract with its buyer.

An immediate benefit of the announced expansion is stability for the workers. Whitlock said.

"There were rumors flying all over town that we were closing in January, but there simply was nothing to them," he said.

Workers also are relieved that the rumors are untrue, said plant supervisor Ishmael Diaz.

"I was pretty sure all those rumors weren't true," said Diaz. "We have more and more orders, and we don't stop or have layoffs like some of the other area plants."

Glenn's Ferry Mayor Dave Messerly described the Redi-Spuds expan-

sion as a boost for the town's business community.

"By putting their relief shift on full time, they'll be paying more wages and that means more money in the Glenn's Ferry economy," said Messerly. "Redi-Spuds is a significant factor in this town's economy. They employ about 15 percent of the city's work force, and we're real happy to hear the plant's running and will stay running."

Marvin Properties purchased Redi-Spuds of America in January 1984. The company currently distributes its fresh potatoes in three main, Western markets — Los Angeles, San Diego and Las Vegas. The Glenn's Ferry plant is its only manufacturing facility.

Redi-Spuds and Cut & Dry Foods compose the "corporation" food group, which produces and distributes foodstuffs to restaurants along the West Coast, Hodder said.

The Glenn's Ferry expansion is one facet of a program to revitalize Redi-Spuds of America.

"We're rebuilding the business," Hodder said. The campaign has succeeded so far, he said.

New bridge going in at Lilly Grade

By DIANE SCHORZMAN
Times-News correspondent

ROSEWORTH — A new bridge is being built at the bottom of the Lilly Grade south of Coeur d'Alene to prevent Roseworth residents from being stranded again next spring because of flood conditions.

The old bridge was covered by water and parts of the road was washed away for a six-week period last year when the Shoshone Reservoir spilled water down the canyon.

Construction of the new bridge is a joint project of the Buhl and Twin Falls highway districts and will be partially funded by flood disaster release money supplied by the federal government.

Craig Hellman Construction of

Kimberly is the project contractor. Work on the project began Dec. 1 and if the weather cooperates, says project engineer Gerald Martens of Edwards, Howard and Martens of Twin Falls, it should be completed by Jan. 1.

Although some of the work can be done while it is snowing, good weather will be needed to pour concrete for the bridge deck, says Martens.

A temporary road was built across the creek for through traffic before the old bridge was removed. That bridge had a water capacity of 1,000 cubic feet per second. The new bridge will hold up to 4,000 cubic feet per second if large rocks that back up the flow of the creek are removed downstream from the bridge location. Salmon Falls Reservoir has the capacity to release 3,300 cubic feet per second, says Martens. The reservoir released 2,400 cubic feet per second last spring and if this weather keeps up, there could be a greater spillage next spring, he adds.

The Buhl and Twin Falls highway departments will build up the road-way to accommodate the new bridge, which will be five feet higher than the original bridge.

"This is an excellent example of two highway districts working together to meet the needs of the residents," says Martens. "They are very conscious of the inconveniences and hazards of living in Roseworth when the road is closed," he says, adding that it is not only lack of access for the farmers, but also for school buses, mail and emergency vehicles.

Obituaries

Santiago Barboza

CASTLEFORD — Santiago Barboza, 64, of Castleford, died Tuesday at the Veterans Hospital in Boise.

He was born July 5, 1925 in San Juan, Texas. He attended schools in Texas and served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II. He came to the Castleford area in 1974 where he has since resided. He was a member of Buhl Immaculate Conception Church.

Surviving are: six daughters, Amelia Garza, Isabel Flores, Hilda Hernandez, and Grace Flores, all of Castleford; Norma Garza of Buhl; and Garza of Mission, Texas; two sons, Richard Garboza and Arthur Garboza, both of Castleford; 32 grandchildren; one brother, Candelario Barboza of San Juan; two sisters, Josefa Garza and Jessie Bonacore, all of San Juan. He was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

Mass will be Monday at 11 a.m. and rosary will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Church of Immaculate Conception in Buhl with the Rev. M. McGuffin officiating. Final rites will be at the West End Cemetery in Buhl.

Friends may call at the Farmer Chapel in Buhl all day Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Lavern Anderson

DETRUIT — Lavern Anderson, 82, of Detroit, died Wednesday morning at the Wood River Convalescent Center after a long illness. Services are pending and will be announced by the Bergin Funeral Home in Shoshone.

William W. Johnson

BELLEVUE — William W. (Hap) Johnson, 65, of Bellevue, died Tuesday at his home following a long illness.

He was born June 17, 1919 in Buhl where he attended schools.

He married Alma Blackman on Sept. 17, 1938 in Twin Falls. They farmed in Buhl until moving to the Wood River Valley in 1957. He served four years in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific. He worked for 25 years in construction in the Wood River Valley. He was a member of the Bellevue American Legion Post and held several offices.

Surviving are: his wife, Alma of Bellevue; four sons, Dennis Johnson of Wichita, Kan.; Rex Johnson of Twin Falls; David Johnson of Pecos, N.M.; and Dana Johnson of Bellevue; three daughters, Linda Downard of Bellevue, Maria Mick of Bellevue, and Kim Thomas of Sundland, Calif.; his mother, Nora Verborg of Buhl; one brother, Albert Johnson of Reno, Nev.; 16 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father and one sister.

There will be no services at his request.

James Garnett Port

OAKLEY — James Garnett Port, 90, of Oakley, died Tuesday at Cassia Memorial Hospital.

Services

PAUL — The funeral for Kenneth D. King, 79, of Paul, who died Sunday evening, will be at 11 a.m. today in the Burley Methodist Church with Rev. Frank Mitchell officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. today in the Wendell Cemetery.

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Admitted

Mrs. Brad Asher, Mrs. C. McKnight, Mrs. Bruce Barton, Michael Mason, Regina Smith, Donald Snyder and Jacob Hoppe, all of Twin Falls; Mrs. Dwayne Walker of Gooding; Mrs. Sam Bokma of Wendell; Roy Bone of Piler; and Harold Oman of Malta.

Released
Mrs. Douglas Welch, Mrs. James Snyder, Mrs. D. Brent Pollard and son, and Jennie Wall, all of Twin Falls; Mrs. Donald Shouse of Harcon; Mrs. Joe Martinez and daughter of Rupert; Mrs. Francis Lucero of Wendell; Mrs. Debra Ewing and daughter and Raymond Puschel, all of Buhl; Mrs. Robert Barnett and daughter of Jackpot, Nev.; Rae Rowe of Piler; Regina Ellis and daughter of Kimberly; and Lyndee Black of Hazelton.

A son to Regina Smith; daughters to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Mohns; Mr. and Mrs. Brad Asher, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bar-

Emery M. Stark

TWIN FALLS — Emery M. Stark, 77, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday at the Kimberly Care Center of natural causes. Services are pending and will be announced by the White Mortuary.

Thelma Ann Butler

TWIN FALLS — Thelma Ann Butler, 68, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday evening at her home of natural causes.

She was born Dec. 18, 1915 in Twin Falls.

She married Willard Rambo in 1937 and they were later divorced. On Sept. 4, 1961 she married Everett Butler in Elko, Nev. Mr. Butler died on Dec. 23, 1978. She lived in Portland during World War II and worked in photography studio, luggage factory, and plywood mill. She was also in charge of a Government Child Care Center during the war. She moved back to Twin Falls in 1980. She has lived in the Magic Valley Area since then. She was a member of the Lutheran Church.

Surviving are: one son, Larry Rambo of Twin Falls; one daughter, Corinne Butler of Seattle, Wash.; one brother, A. J. Nelson of Twin Falls; and one sister, Mildred Sorenson of Twin Falls. She was preceded in death by her late parents, husband and two brothers.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the White Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Ervin J. Bernthal officiating. Friends may call at the White Mortuary on Thursday and Friday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, Burial will be in the Sunset Memorial Park.

Thomas W. Craton

JEROME — Thomas W. Craton, 81, of Jerome, died Tuesday afternoon at his home following an extended illness.

He was born July 23, 1903 at Bloomington, Ind. He moved to Kansas at an early age and received his education there and later in Mesa, Texas. He was employed by the railroad for 15 years.

He married Mary Aragon Sandoval at Santa Rosa, N.M. on Dec. 16, 1953. They came to Jerome in 1954 and have resided there since. He had been employed by Siewmeyer Brothers for 28 years. He is a member of the Catholic Church.

Surviving are: his wife of Jerome; three daughters, Julie Fernandez of Jerome, Angie Pearce of Nampa, and Ramona Rowlands of Cerritos, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Home Funeral Chapel in Jerome by the Rev. Bill Taylor.

Mass of the Christian burial will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church. Burial will follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

Friends may call at the chapel from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday. The family suggests memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society.

day evening at St. Benedict's Extended Care Center will be at 2 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Park.

Friends may call today until time of service.

CASSIA MEMORIAL

Admitted
Doris Gurnell, Golden Smith, Lynn Blauer, Beverly Ann Turner, Vesta Koyle, all of Burley; Harriet Crank and Woodrow Justice, both of Malta; Maria DeJesus of American Falls; Terri Draper and Holly Sandall, both of Heyburn; Jacob Harman and Janelle Johnson, both of Rupert; and Casey Orlinfield of Oakley.

Released
Penny Sant, Linda Verborg, Eliza Gekas, Robert Hansen, Isabel Wyatt, all of Burley; Ann Blayney of Rupert; John Fairchild of Oakley; Natalie Jensen of Heyburn; and Ocea Coltrin of Idaho.

MINDOKA MEMORIAL
Admitted

Vera Mowatt of Rupert.
Released
Aurora Gonzalez of Rupert and Norma Chapa of Burley.

Smith

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run for that purpose, Smith says students ought to be able to continue at a state four-year school after starting at CSI.

Smith says the academic programs at CSI are very good and offer training equal to state's four-year schools. "There's not a whole lot more to be done there," he says.

Smith says the community college has four roles.

The academic program should serve as a preparatory area to give basic education at a lower cost to local students not able to afford a full four years at the state four-year schools, he says.

The vocational programs such as auto mechanics, auto body, and refrigeration should serve as end-point training for those students, says Smith.

"Lots of people have benefited

greatly from the continuing education program," Smith says.

The fourth role of the school is as a cultural and entertainment center for the area, says Smith. He says a high quality athletic program will help to attract students to the school.

"I am really not a funding expert," says Smith. "We have the support of an enlarged funding district, Smith says he feels the people of Twin Falls and Jerome counties would be willing to increase their support. "The tax levy is really pretty small," he says.

"I don't believe academic grades ought to be changed," Smith says. The establishment of a faculty committee to handle these things in the future is a very good step forward," Smith says he has more experience in the academic scene than Scholes.

"I have had contact with universities for the last 20 years," he says.

Scholes

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Scholes said the chance of implementing the larger funding district is not very great now.

The controversy over ex-CSI basketball coach Eddie Sutton's changed grade last summer will serve as a preparatory area to give basic education at a lower cost to local students not able to afford a full four years at the state four-year schools, he says. Scholes said he did not fault president Gerald Meyerhoeffer, because Meyerhoeffer was under legal pressure from Sutton due to past inconsistent handling of grade changes at the college. Scholes says Meyerhoeffer consulted with faculty and administrators before making his decision.

The community college role is threefold, says Scholes. It should serve as a "feeder" program for students who want to begin an academic degree near home; as a degree program for students seeking vocational associate degrees; and as a source of continuing education for local adults seeking to develop new skills and hobbies.

Scholes says there should be a balance between the three missions. "This is not a junior college, a junior college implies a two-year academic

program, a community college covers all three functions.

The most important role of the college is the administration of programs such as the TRANS IV bus service.

"It's a job I just thoroughly love," he says. "I think it (the college) is probably the single best thing that's happened to this part of Idaho since an irrigation system."

Scholes says his advantage over Smith is that he is better acquainted with the workings of CSI and with the community college concept as he has been associated with the college for 18 years.

Scholes was born in Logan, Utah 47

years ago. He attended Twin Falls public schools from second grade through high school, attended the University of Idaho for pre-medical training and graduated from University of Southern California medical school. After completing a two-year internship in Sacramento, Calif., he served a two-year hitch with the Navy as a flight surgeon and returned to Twin Falls to practice general medicine from 1966 through 1969.

Between 1969 and 1973, he learned his specialty in Dermatology at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio.

Dr. Scholes practices dermatology in Twin Falls and has served as team physician to CSI teams since 1966.

Smith is a soil scientist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Snake River Conservation Research center. Smith is also an affiliate professor at the University of Idaho and Utah State University.

Smith has served as president of the Magic Valley Federal Credit Union for public employees. Smith is the 1984 president of the Kimberly Chamber of Commerce and served on the Kimberly school board from 1976 to 1982.

BLM roads closed for winter

TWIN FALLS — Public lands in the Piceabo Hills area of the Bureau of Land Management's Shoshone District will be closed to off-road vehicle use until April 25.

The land has been closed to "reduce conflicts between wintering deer and recreational use of the area," says BLM district manager Ervin Cowley. The Piceabo Hills are a crucial winter habitat where a number of mule deer are concen-

trated and susceptible to disturbance. Snowmobile trails are available in many other areas within the Shoshone District, he says.

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Jerome airport funds transfer issue heats up

By CAROLYN MILLER
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — A flurry of protests that erupted earlier this week during the Jerome County Board of Commissioners' meeting over transfer of "inactive" airport funds to the county's fair but not reach explosive proportions when the board meets again Monday.

In addition to the nearly 20 concerned citizens and county officials who offered objections this week, indications Wednesday are county employees who were not happy with this year's small pay increases may attend the coming meeting.

A delegation of county residents protested to commissioners this week the transfer of

\$30,000 from the airport fund to the Jerome County Fair Board fund.

County Commission Chairman Carl Butler said Wednesday the airport fund was an inactive one and transfer of the money to another budget is "within the Idaho code." He said he would have no further comment until Monday.

Elsie Childers, Jerome County treasurer, is on record as opposing the transfer of money.

"I feel it is morally wrong," she said. "The airport fund now contains approximately \$108,000, which is 'grant' money and should not be tampered with."

"I requested funds from the county commissioners last spring to be put into the county's current expenses budget," says Childers, "and I was turned down. I therefore, had to

register warrants and pay interest on those registered warrants, which cost the taxpayers money."

"If it is so easy to transfer funds, why didn't they do it then?" says Childers.

Childers says she feels more study should have been done by the commissioners on the fair board's request for transfer of funds, and that the airport needs to keep the money in its fund for its own improvements.

Carl Stephens, who retired from the fair board in 1982, and who was secretary of that organization for 13 years, says he doesn't "feel money should be transferred from one fund to another unless there is a dire need. Even though it is legal, airport funds should not be transferred. The fair board should be able to get along on its own budget."

Gale Gunning, a Jerome businessman and airport user, says even though it may be legal to transfer funds from one entity to another, he is concerned about the commissioners setting that kind of precedent.

"I hate to see that sort of thing get started," he says.

Gunning also expressed his disappointment that none of the airport board members were present at the commission meeting.

"The airport needs a chemical lagoon and a new seal coat on the runway," says Gunning. "I'd like to know why the airport board hasn't been utilizing the money available."

Gunning also says there are revenue sharing funds available for the fair board, and the fair board budget has \$15,000 tagged for capital improvements.

"I would like to see the existing buildings at the fair grounds improved over a period of several years, rather than construct new buildings. It would save the taxpayers money," says Gunning.

Cheryl Watts, Jerome County clerk, says she wrote to the attorney general's office in regard to the legality of transferring funds from one fund to another. She says "the information from the attorney general stated that, as long as the fund was inactive or that if the monies had been levied for a special project and the money was no longer needed, then the funds could be transferred."

Gunning says in his opinion, "the fund is not inactive if monies are being used from it, and the commissioners should not try to interpret it as such in order to make the transfer of the \$30,000 legal."

Gooding tied to deaf school

City's history has paralleled growth of state institution

By JANENE BUCKWAY
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — The Idaho State School for the Deaf and Blind and the City of Gooding share a 75-year history.

The first school for educating deaf and blind students in Idaho was established September, 1906, in Boise during the governorship of Gooding city founder Frank R. Gooding. His nephew Nell was a member of the first class of deaf students.

The Boise building burned December, 1908, forcing the state to rent a hotel for the classes until permanent quarters could be established.

By the spring of 1909, the four-member commission set up to find a location for the school was deadlocked over the proposals submitted by the cities of Boise and Weiser.

Frank R. Gooding broke the deadlock by offering to donate 20 acres of his own land in the city of Gooding, provide city water to the property and build a concrete sidewalk from the school to downtown Gooding and the Oregon Shortline-Union Pacific Railroad depot.

The commission unanimously accepted the former governor's offer in August, 1909, and the new building was ready for classes by September of 1910.

When told that his offer had been accepted, Gooding said "there need be no fear felt that the institution and the children will not be properly cared for at Gooding."

Over the years, the Legislature has appropriated funds for the continued growth and improvement of the school.

Permanent dormitories, a

gymnasium and additional classrooms have been added to the campus.

The original 1910 classroom building was torn down in 1975, but other buildings built before 1920 are still standing, including one that was damaged in the October, 1983 earthquake. Education of the blind is separate from the deaf education program, and a building for the blind program was completed in September, 1975.

A new building housing the deaf education program was dedicated in February, 1969.

In March 1984, by joint resolution, the Idaho Legislature approved \$8.5 to 9 million to renovate the campus and reconstruct the aging and earthquake-damaged buildings.

Gooding was brand new when the state school came to town, having been incorporated as a city in April, 1908.

The two entities grew up together, and city officials say the town has grown around and adapted to the school.

Public schools, social and religious groups and businesses have accommodations for the deaf and blind students, and families of state school students have established permanent residences in the town.

The Idaho State Board of Education has agreed to stand by the decision to renovate the Gooding campus, despite pressure from Kitty Gurnsey (R-Boise) and David Little (R-Emmett) co-chairmen of the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee to move the school to a larger town.

Governor John Evans approved the decision to stay at the

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Fifth-grader Nathan Holmes converses with a friend during a class at the Idaho State School for the Deaf and Blind.

Proposed move would devastate Gooding's public schools

By JANENE BUCKWAY
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — Student population in Gooding schools has been declining since 1982 and if Gooding lost the Idaho State School for the Deaf and Blind, it would be disastrous, public school Superintendent Lester Diehl told the Gooding School Board Tuesday.

"Pull the state school (Idaho State School for the Deaf and Blind) out and you can just kiss the Gooding public schools goodbye," Diehl said.

He said student enrollment has been declining since a major area

employer, Blincoe Meat Packing, closed its Gooding operation. The total student population is about 1,100, the lowest in several years and appears to still be dropping, he said.

Diehl said the decline represented a drop from 56 class room units in 1982 to a projected 52.7 classroom units for the current school year and will mean a loss of about \$90,149 in state support.

State money to public schools is based on class room units as determined by an average daily attendance formula, he explained.

Diehl stressed that the situation is not critical, but that the board is going to have some tough decisions to

face during the spring budgeting process.

"We're not going to crumble," he said. "Knowing what's coming, we can make it work, but it's going to take some 'belt tightening' and maybe some schedule shifts."

As a beginning look at scheduling, Diehl asked speech teacher Bert Fowler to give the board an overview of his program and make recommendations concerning a full year instead of a single semester program.

Gooding now requires a full year of speech for graduation while the state asks for only one semester of credit.

Fowler said he favored a single semester rather than a full year to provide for smaller classes and greater student attention.

He suggested that if the full year program is retained that the format be expanded to include a "media class" that would examine several areas of communication.

Gooding High School Principal Larry Tinker said he favors the full year course and said he thought the class had always been intended to include the full scope of communication.

No action was taken by the board, but Diehl suggested this could be one area of scheduling for the board to look at for another year.

Hawes to prosecute Charboneau case

By BONNIE BAIRD JONES
Times-News writer

JEROME — Mark Hawes, a deputy in the Idaho Attorney General's office has been named special prosecutor in the Jerome County murder trial for Jamie Charboneau, accused of the July 1 slaying of his former wife, Marilyn Arbaugh.

Fifth District Judge Phillip Becker signed the order appointing Hawes Wednesday.

An affidavit by Jerome County Prosecutor Adamson, signed by the motion for appointment of Hawes, stated the special prosecutor is needed since Adamson's term of office will end Jan. 14 and he will not be available to represent the state during the trial.

The trial was originally set for Dec. 3, but that date was vacated at the request of Defense At-

torney Golden Bennett of Twin Falls.

Adamson's affidavit stated that incoming Jerome County Prosecutor Mark Francis Gause concurs with the appointment of a special prosecutor since he has no background on the case and will be new to the office.

Hawes has been contacted and is willing and well qualified to prosecute the case, Adamson said.

Charboneau is also charged with two other felonies, kidnapping and grand theft alleged by Arbaugh to have occurred in Jerome County a short time prior to her death.

Becker had asked Adamson to decide on a special prosecutor so the court can proceed with plans to set a trial date and determine a location for the trial. He said with the amount of publicity

given the case, he felt it would be unwise to find an unbiased jury in Jerome County.

Becker said Wednesday he will need to get together with Hawes to determine his schedule and find out how long he will need to prepare for the trial and also to get an idea from the defense attorney on how much time he would like before going to trial.

Becker said he is anticipating a trial in late January or February. He also said if the attorneys feel it can be conducted in Jerome County, there will be no change of venue. However, the judge earlier indicated he is looking at northern Idaho as a trial site or the source of jury members.

Charboneau is being held in the Jerome County Jail without bond pending trial on the three felony charges. All three will be covered in the upcoming trial.

Bliss hydro project still moves forward

By HAL BERTON
Times-News writer

GLENN'S FERRY — Plans for a 65-megawatt hydro project along the Snake River site near Bliss are still moving forward despite the loss of a California financier and Sacramento-based engineering firm.

The \$90 million project has been proposed by the Dike Hydroelectric Co., a firm created by Glenn's

Ferry farmer Don Barnhill.

Last spring, Dike Hydroelectric applied to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to build the project at a site located eight miles downstream from Bliss. Barnhill has also applied for water rights at the site.

Initially, Barnhill teamed up with Mutual Energy Co. of Sacramento to design the plant and secure financing.

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Popping the Santa myth isn't easy when you believe in him

"Yes, John, there really is a Santa Claus." I can't say it. I just can't tell my son an outright lie. But, why couldn't I?

"Go ask daddy if there is a Santa Claus." Dale couldn't tell a lie either. He tumbled and tumbled. That's what we got for trying to be good, honest parents — an inability to communicate with our children.

I suppose John will find out the truth about this delicate matter one way or another. I just don't want him to hear about it on the streets. In some dirty alley, from some snickering, giggling ignoramus. I believe in Santa Claus education from an early age, in the proper environment.

Thus stating my convictions, it would seem simple matter to go to my 3-year-old son, look him straight in the eye and say, "No,

Diana Hooley
Country neighbors

John, there isn't really a Santa Claus."

But, it's not that simple. With that first fleeting look of disappointment and resignation in his sweet little face, my knees would buckle and I would be tripping all over myself to reverse the villainous deed.

"Santa Claus? Of course there is a Santa Claus, dear! Mommy was just being funny. Mommy's such a tease you know!" After a

boo-boo like this, I wouldn't blame the little guy if he questioned whether or not I was his real mom.

The problem became even more complicated when a friend of mine said if his parents lied to him about Santa Claus he would be very angry with them. It could scar him for life. Oh?

The kid's disappointment is hard for me to deal with, but the kid's angry? That's a piece of cake. I'm an expert at dealing with my kid's anger. Darned! Diana is the mother who takes her sweet, innocent children to get vaccinated, occasionally breaks impossible promises, makes her children clean their rooms and brush their teeth.

There is one more problem in this whole

question of the reality of Santa Claus. How can I tell John there is no Santa Claus when I still believe in Santa Claus? No, I don't believe the earth is flat and no, I have never been committed to any state institution, but I do believe in Santa Claus. At least, I believe in what Santa Claus means.

I remember a time long ago when my mother and father were my best friends and they would live forever and I would live forever. My days were filled with play and playmates and giggles just below the surface. Life was new and fresh and held delightful wonderful characters like fairies, elves and Santa Claus. God was more real and faith was a trick as simple as loving my puppy.

Why rush the process of maturity? Time, the great healer and the great revealer, will

slowly and assuredly show John, as it did me, the reality of evil, pain and death. It will drain the magic and mystery from characters like Santa Claus and mortalize my forever friends, mom and daddy.

So I found myself in a true dilemma. I couldn't encourage the myth of the great red gift-bringer, but I couldn't dispel it either. Then an interesting thing happened. It was folding clothes when John came up to me, his eyes as blue as old Saint Nick's himself. John had a secret to mommy. Something he just figured out. And it made him laugh.

"Mommy, I know who Santa Claus is. You are!"

Diana Hooley writes her weekly column from her farm near Glenn's Ferry.

Elmore fair to see parimutuel racing

By DIANA HOOLEY
Times-News correspondent

GLENN FERRY — Parimutuel betting and horse racing will be coming to the Glenns Ferry Elmore County Fair, says Fair Board Secretary Elaine Rumsey.

Rumsey said the added attraction of horse races during the fair is part of an overall improvement effort by the fair board to beef up the fair.

"Though our 4-H exhibits have increased," said Rumsey, "open class entries and attendance at the fair have been declining steadily over the past few years."

The efforts to improve the fair have come in the wake of a general shake up in the Elmore County fair management, said Rumsey.

Rumsey said for the past few years, Kathy Lillibridge, county agricultural extension agent supervisor, has done most of the organization and promotion of the fair.

"She really had gone above and beyond the call of duty," Rumsey said. "It was not supposed

to be part of her job, but she saw the need and stepped in to help."

Producing the fair was then left to the fair board only last spring when there was no Elmore County agent to oversee the project, she said.

"Initially, we were sort of forced into producing the fair," said Rumsey. "and then we got serious about making it bigger and better."

Rumsey said of the seven fair board members, the idea to try horse racing during the fair was initiated by board member Liz Gluch.

Rumsey said the board has been careful to arrange events so that the horse racing will not interfere with the fair rodeo or the 4-H.

But, said Rumsey, both organizations had to make some concessions for the horse racing.

Rumsey said the race horses will share stalls with 4-H animals and the rodeo stock will not be able to utilize the racing oval during the day as they have in years past.

"The way we have set it up now," said Rumsey, "we'll have horse racing during the day and the rodeo at night. They won't interfere

too much with each other."

Rumsey said the fair board has been in contact with the Idaho State Fair Racing Association for use of their equipment during fair time. Rumsey said the association will provide a starting gate, racing steward, betting windows, jockeys and jockey equipment for the fair races.

Other improvements in next year's fair include new scheduling, said Rumsey. Rumsey said the fair was moved up a week when it would be competing for fair attendance with only three other county fairs in the state, rather than nine.

Fair dates this year, said Rumsey, are July 29 through Aug. 4. Horse racing will be held Aug. 2, 3 and 4.

Rumsey said the fair board is also working on getting a larger carnival and though there has been no commitment made yet, a bigger carnival looks probable. Rumsey also said the fair board is running a contest for Elmore County residents to select the theme of next year's fair.

Rumsey said entries should be in by Jan. 4 for the judging to be held Jan. 7. First prize is \$25, said Rumsey.

Cities share water machine

BUHL — The cities of Buhl, will be housed in Buhl because it is centrally located and has a warehouse for storage. Gooding, Wendell and Filer will soon be sharing the ownership of a water tapping machine.

Since the machine can cut into existing lines while a valve blocks off the water flow, Hodge said the job of installing new pipes or connecting old lines together for greater water pressure should take only two hours instead of four to six hours.

Twin Falls maintenance crews used to make the water line connections for Buhl, but had to quit last year because of the time and cost of cutting tools, Hodge said.

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BURLEY — The Cassia County Board of Commissioners objected to regulations of the Northwest Power Planning Council that would impose a 10 percent surcharge on states not complying with council model energy standards.

While Washington and Oregon benefit from current regulations, Idaho and Montana, the other two states under the council's jurisdiction, do not, commissioners noted in their Monday meeting.

Idahoans are conserving and power usage is down, said the commissioners, adding that since only 15 percent of Idaho Power customers use public power, it is unfair for them to pay additional charges.

The beneficiary should pay for his own conservation costs, said State Rep. Denton Darrington, who attended the meeting along with Reps. Lynn Tomlinaga and Ernest Hale.

"For example, Tacoma, Wash., is a beneficiary, but we pay the bill. That's crazy," added Darrington. Commissioners urged the state representatives to communicate county views to Sen. Jim McClure and other Idaho legislators who could influence to Peter Johnson, administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration.

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But Barnhill says he has now terminated his agreement with Mutual Energy Co., as well as financier Raymond Staepelaere of Palo Alto, Calif.

Barnhill said that Mutual Energy Co. and Staepelaere wanted 49 percent control over the project and we did not want to do that to our community.

"New engineers are now engaged and the project is still going stronger than ever," Barnhill said.

Staepelaere confirmed the break with the Dike site project.

"We are just not going to do it," he told The Associated Press. "Sometimes you put these things together and sometimes they fall apart."

Barnhill says he is on the verge of securing new financing, possibly before the month ends.

He says a "personal" representative is also lobbying FERC to try to ensure that the permit request is approved.

The Dike site was previously examined by Idaho Power Co., but the company backed away from trying to develop the site after preliminary studies indicated the project economics were marginal and that it would have serious environmental and archaeological impacts.

Larry Taylor, an Idaho Power spokesman, said the studies indicated the Dike project would wipe out prime habitat of the endangered white sturgeon. To gain FERC approval, the project would also require about \$1 million worth of archeological excavations, he said.

Barnhill says the project's benefits would include raising the level of the Snake River in an area that would reduce high-lift pump costs for irrigators.

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Gooding site and said: "Gooding has proven, over the years, to be a fine location for the school."

Preliminary plans for the renovation, which is scheduled for completion by January 1985, were presented to the state board Friday with final plans to be presented at the board's January meeting.

The State Building Authority will begin issuing variable interest, tax revenue bonds Jan. 15.

Gurnsey said after the meeting, she would have to "count noses" before deciding whether to press for a location change during the 1985 legislative session.

City and school officials seem to feel that the school and the town are such integral parts of each other that to separate them would be difficult surgery indeed.

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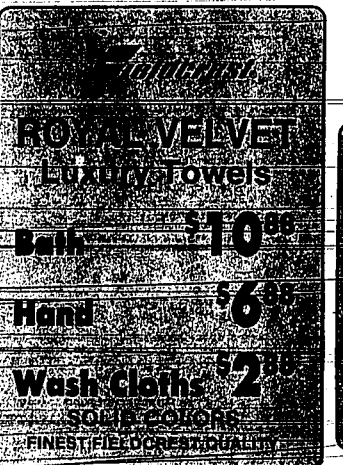
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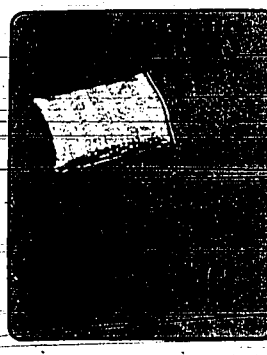
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Cassia County considers juvenile detention facility

By CATHERINE JENSEN
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Cassia County may soon be forced to build a detention facility for juveniles, said the Cassia County Board of Commissioners Monday in a meeting with State Rep. Denton Darrington, Lynn Tomlinaga and Ernest Hale.

Billy R. Crystal, undersheriff, said a federal law will be enforced July 1, requiring juveniles to be held out of sight and out of hearing of adult prisoners in the county jail.

Juveniles in the county jail are presently housed in the main section where they can be heard by the public, he said. It would be possible for the county to soundproof the center area, Crystal said, but cost would be extensive and the jail is almost full.

Terry Bingham, range deputy, expressed concern that police may find themselves without a place to keep

violent prisoners. He said if the county can't meet the federal requirements to separate the juveniles, it might have to turn them out on the streets, which he said was not a satisfactory solution.

Darrington said the county's problem stems from federal laws restricting the state. He added that federal requirements for separating prisoners according to sex, age and nature of crime, could lead to the necessity of having as many as eight different county jails.

"We need the funds to get-out-of-business and out of our jails and juvenile problems," said Darrington.

The board agreed it makes sense for counties that are close together to share a jail facility, especially where the cost of transferring prisoners is low. Since Burley and Rupert already help one another in housing prisoners, a joint juvenile facility may be the answer, the board concluded.

A tax-free highway district exists

ALBION, Idaho (AP) — Officials of most taxing districts spend much of their time listening to complaints that their taxes are too high.

But officials of the Albion Highway District in south-central Idaho say people are always wondering why taxes aren't higher. In fact, the tiny highway district, which takes care of some 25 miles of unpaved Cassia County roads, doesn't collect any taxes.

It has no paved roads, only gravel ones, and a dozen or so bridges and culverts.

Highway commissioners say that keeps maintenance costs down. The district likes to buy good used equipment when it's available. And many of its road workers are area farmers, who do their own work first and then work on the roads part-time when necessary.

The district gets its money from

state gasoline taxes and a little federal money.

"We try to run the district the same way a guy would run his farm," said Commissioner Chairman Jim Chatburn. "We try to come through each year with a little left over or at least without going into the hole."

The district used to collect taxes, but then missed a year because of a mistake, and decided it could get along without taxes.

"We got through the next year all right and we decided that we just didn't need it," Chatburn said.

The district might get away from levying local taxes "forever" if maintenance costs are kept down and the Legislature continues to channel gas tax revenue to local highway districts. "Increases in state money in recent years have been a big factor in avoiding a new

district levy," Chatburn said.

In 1984, the district got \$34,708 from gas taxes, up \$4,000 from the year before. Other revenue brought income to about \$47,000. The budget is about \$35,000. "We're just a little bit tight," Chatburn said.

Any surplus will be squirreled away in a reserve fund or used to replace two aging gravel trucks.

District Board Secretary O'Deen Redman said the financial situation allows the district to provide community services. Gravel sales and work on private drives are provided to district patrons at cost. The district's back hoe opens grave in the community cemetery.

Redman wouldn't rule out the possibility of surfacing roads in the future, but that might upset the healthy balance sheet.

"Our problem isn't that we can't afford to do it," he said.

Teachers' issues to be faced

By FLYNN McROBERTS
Times-News correspondent

MURTAUGH — Two Murtaugh School District committees, one voluntary and the other mandatory, will soon begin deliberations dealing with merit pay and professional development for teachers.

The foundations for both were set down at the school board meeting earlier this week.

The first, the Career Ladder Committee, has been formed to deal with a proposed State Department of Education plan that would give "master teachers" part of the \$13.5 million appropriated by the Legislature for teacher pay raises for the 1985/86 school year.

The other panel, the Professional Development Committee, will address a state-required push to enhance the background of teachers through inservice training and college credit attainment.

In staking with state recommendations and mandates, Murtaugh trustees have placed teachers on both committees.

"The majority of committee persons will be certified teachers — and probably the chairmen," said Murtaugh Superintendent Sam Saxton in a telephone interview.

Both committees consist of board and community members, principals, and teachers from the elementary and secondary levels. Saxton said each of the committee members has been selected and will be notified by the end of this week.

The decision to implement the career ladder system is up to individual districts, but if a district decides to implement it, it must submit a report on the subject to the State Department of Education by May 15, Saxton said.

Saxton will meet with members of the Career Ladder Committee next week to go over subject background.

"I will outline what their task is... give some guidelines... and set the tone," he said.

That committee will meet again soon after the Christmas break and select a chairman. After conferring, the panel will submit its proposal to the school board at its March meeting.

The Professional Development Committee will meet the first week after the holidays to discuss and formulate a system by which inservice and college credit hours for teachers may be approved.

The Murtaugh Professional Development committee will report to the school board in April.

Board will sell house on school land

BLISS — The Bliss School Board voted Tuesday to sell a house on school grounds and will be accepting bids on it for the next three weeks.

Recently, the tenant of the house moved out, at which time the board decided to remove or demolish the house.

The board set the minimum bid price of the house at \$2,000, based on three appraisals of the building's value.

Bids will be opened at the Jan. 16 board meeting.

In other business, the board voted to pay the registration fee for Tami Andrews to participate in the All Northwest Orchestra in Spokane, Wash., Feb. 15-18. Andrews, daughter of Doug and Margaret Andrews, plays the violin.

The board also voted to restrict gym usage for non-school activities to groups with adult supervision only.



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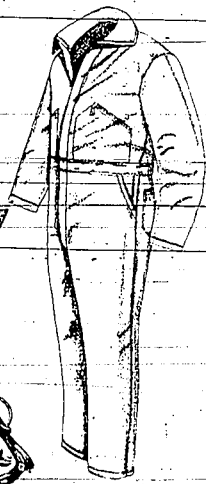
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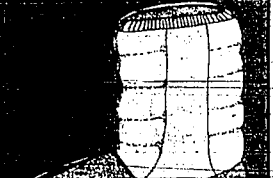
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Fairgrounds pact remains unwritten

By JANE BUCKWAY
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — A 32-year-old agreement for Lincoln County to sublease land from Shoshone for a county fairgrounds seems to have never been written down.

The slip-up was discovered recently when Lincoln County, the city of Shoshone and the county fair board were all sued by Bill Bennett for injuries he claims his horse sustained at the fairgrounds following the Aug. 1 fair.

A search of the records to determine who owns the land and is responsible for the area turned up a lack of written documents between the city and county.

The area on the east side of Shoshone is owned by Union Pacific Railroad and is leased by the city.

Buildings for a county fair were brought to the area about 1952 and fair board member Joyce Bernard told a joint meeting of the Lincoln County Commission, Shoshone City Council and fair board Tuesday that the fair board has tried "three or four times over the years to get a written agreement but one had never been drawn up."

Minutes of a July 9, 1983, fair board meeting confirms the mat-



North Side

ter was discussed with the city, but a search of city and county files has not turned up any document.

The three entities agreed Tuesday to rectify the situation and Mayor Reid Newby told fair board President Linda Payne he would begin the process if the fair board would outline exactly what areas need to be included.

Bennett also told the group equipment used at the rodeo arena is owned by the fair board and an agreement needs to be established between the rodeo and fair board.

According to state statute, Lincoln County will have to sublease the land from the city and then either the fair board or the rodeo board can manage the areas they use during the annual fair celebration.

Bennett of Carey is suing for \$10,000, claiming his horse was damaged when it broke through a buried barrel while being unloaded at the rodeo grounds.

Hailey water fees plan poses problem

By DAVE LEWIS
Times-News writer

HAILEY — The city faces the same legal challenge to its water and sewer fees that it did with its present fees if it adopts a proposed new structure recommended by its engineering firm, an attorney representing a group of local builders told the Hailey City Council Monday.

The argument used to justify water and sewer fees in a study by J-U-B Engineers is no different than the argument ruled unconstitutional by a district judge earlier this year, E. Lee Schlender said before a packed council meeting.

Schlender gave the council a petition with 371 signatures of Hailey residents who oppose the study's recommended connection fees, and its recommended increase in monthly water and sewer user fees.

However, Mayor Wordell Rainey said the city is not considering any-



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rise in user fees, and he said it is inappropriate to include them with connection fees in the petition.

Schlender, who represents the Building Contractors Association of the Wood River Valley, said the intent of the argument for a new fee structure was the same as the old: To raise money to expand the city's water and sewer system for future growth.

However, he said, Fifth District Judge Ronald Bruce ruled in a suit brought by a group of Hailey developers that the city could not collect connection fees to expand either the water or sewer system.

"I think what came out of this report is that J-U-B hasn't come up with anything new; they haven't

come up with anything legal," Schlender said.

In April, Bruce ruled that Halfey's reasoning for charging water and sewer fees was unconstitutional. Bruce said the fees the city can charge must cover only the cost of maintaining and operating the system; and must not be used for expanding the system as Hailey's fees were also intended to do.

Expansion must come through a tax revenue bond, the judge said in ruling the city's water and sewer fees were an unauthorized and unconstitutional form of taxation.

Under its present structure, the city charges \$50 for new water and \$95 for new sewer hook ups. It also charges a \$50 inspection fee for each new connection.

Following Bruce's ruling, the city agreed to repay \$200,000 to reimburse the collection of the illegal fees.

In its study for replacing the old fee structure, J-U-B recommends the city

collect connection fees of \$1,415 for sewer and \$1,484 for water.

In justifying the charges, J-U-B says the fees will cover operation, maintenance and depreciation, or replacement cost, of the existing system, rather than expansion of the system.

The fees would be adjusted with inflation as new connections are added in order to cover the full cost of replacement.

But, Schlender argued, the cost of the fees must reflect the cost at the time of construction, not what it would cost at a later date. He said he believes that is what Bruce found objectionable with the old fee structure.

The council did not take any action on the new fee structure, but it will hold a public hearing in January to discuss them.

In the meantime, it is still charging the old connection fees by having developers sign a statement that they will not sue the city because of them.

Buhl city council holds vote on subdivision

By KAREN MAIN
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Since Mayor Jim Barker spotted a few mistakes made by the Buhl Planning and Zoning Commission in approving a subdivision plat earlier this month, the Buhl City Council tabled its vote on the five-and-a-half acre subdivision off Highway 30.

At this week's council meeting, the mayor told landowner Shelby Williams the council could not approve the subdivision plat because the planning and zoning commission erred in granting one variance and not issuing another for the property east of the Saffway Market that is under construction.

Williams wants to divide the five-and-a-half acres into four lots, sell one lot to the Seventh Day Adventist Church and sell the other three lots later.

After a public hearing in early December, the planning and zoning commission approved a combined preliminary and final plat for the Heritage Heights Subdivision and granted a variance eliminating the requirement of curbs and gutters as long as any lot is used for agriculture.

However, the mayor said that since variances can only be granted on requirements dealing with the size of a parcel, it was not the procedure that should have been used.

Instead, Williams needs "temporary relief" from constructing curbs and gutters, which is something



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that only the council can grant, he said.

In addition, the mayor said that since the proposed subdivision is within the city's impact area with low-residential county zoning, subdivided lots are limited to two-and-a-half acres or more.

Since Williams' lots will be less than the two-and-a-half acre requirement, the planning and zoning commission should have granted him a variance for that, the mayor said.

After Williams gets a variance for the lot sizes and temporary relief from building curbs and gutters, he can return to the council for final approval of the subdivision plat.

But this should not be Williams' problem, it is a city problem to rectify, the mayor said.

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Richfield eyes boost for sewers

By BONNIE BAIRD JONES
Times-News writer

RICHFIELD — Members of the Richfield City Council have asked for a review of the city's lagoon treatment facility and cost estimates for bringing it up to required standards.

Mayor Charles Buttane said city officials have known for some time the sewage treatment facilities were not going to meet a required new city permit and, in fact, could not meet present permit standards. He said as Jim Leichter, a Twin Falls engineer, was asked to look over the equipment and make recommendations for upgrading.

"We were told," the mayor said, "that our problem is one of maintenance. Leichter said we would definitely have to do some maintenance work but that we should be able to correct our problems by draining the primary cell, drying out the sludge and then cleaning it out and disposing of the sludge."

Leichter estimated chances were 90 percent favorable for meeting state requirements if this was done, the mayor said.

Buttane said the maintenance is apparently something that should have been done during the past 11 years of the plant's life. But no one, he said, had told the city the maintenance was necessary so it had not been done since the plant was built in 1973.

The problem, he explained, is the over abundance of algae that develops and blooms about April or May of each year.

The council asked Leichter to draw up some cost estimates and to find a firm that could handle the necessary draining and cleaning of the treatment units. Buttane said the city will probably have to haul the dried sludge from the plant to a disposal site where it can be buried.

He said in the 11 years the plant has been in operation, this is the first problem.

Briefly

Minidoka sheriff gets vehicles

Sam Saxton.

RUPERT — Bonanza Motors' low bid of \$25,296 for two four-wheel drive Ram Chargers for the Minidoka County sheriff's office was accepted Monday by the Minidoka County Board of Commissioners.

The vehicles are replacing two 79 Dodge patrol cars. Sheriff Ray Jarvis said "we have a boat patrol in the summer and were in need of a vehicle to pull and dock the boat. . . many times in the winter, we get calls out on the north side of Rupert and it is difficult for us to get out there," he said to explain the reason for the purchase of the two four-wheel drive vehicles.

Bids were also submitted by Workman Pontiac-Cadillac-GMC and Goode Motor Inc.

In other business at the meeting, seven taxpayers appeared "to see if the recent 39 percent increase on their property taxes could be changed," said County Clerk Duane Smith.

Smith said the commissioners were unable to change the tax increase since it was "by order of the state tax commission."

Aitkins sworn in to board

SHOSHONE — Joe Aitkins was sworn in as trustee from Zone 3 at the Monday Shoshone School Board meeting Monday.

Aitkins, who is employed by the Bureau of Land Management, replaces Marvin Huyser, who has moved from the area for business reasons.

The appointment is for six months, until the next scheduled election.

Murtaugh board plans meeting

MURTAUGH — The Murtaugh School Board will hold a special meeting Jan. 7 to formulate a position on the pros and cons of consolidation. A report will then be made available for local residents to consider before the subject goes to the ballot box next spring.

The board will not take a stand for or against the concept, just present the facts, said Superintendent

meeting.

The district's insurance policy from Dadds Insurance Agency was approved. The increase to \$14,874 for property and liability was less than the five percent increase expected by the board.

A third bid was considered for the planned school roof repair project. Exner Brothers Roofing from Hailey submitted two prices for the board's consideration.

"Barring any unforeseen difficulties," Saxton said he expects the board to select a contractor by its Jan. 14 meeting.

Language program help sought

CASTLEFORD — The need for a sequence guideline for language arts classes was brought out at Tuesday's Castleford School Board meeting.

Connie Kinyon, home economics, and freshman teacher, presented her class programs to the board and explained the need for some type of student competency level outlines in the school system.

"We need a scope and sequence program for the language arts," says Kinyon, "so teachers will know the students competency level when they begin each class year."

A scope and sequence program would outline very definitive guidelines for each grade level so teachers are not repeating previous years' classwork or missing classwork that has not already been covered," says Superintendent Robert Hutchins.

He says some states have such mandate programs but Idaho doesn't.

"We feel it is important that every program in the district be developed in a sequential program that starts with grade one and covers all aspects of that program through grade 12," he says, and adds that the school is working on an outline for social studies and language arts this year.

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Official: Utility stockholders must assume costs for project

MOSCOW (AP) — Washington Water Power Co. stockholders, and not Idaho ratepayers, should pay for the utility's involvement in a mothballed nuclear power plant, according to an expert hired by a ratepayer group.

Jim Lazar, in testimony prepared for delivery during three days of hearings before the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, says WWP's request to amortize the cost of its 5 percent involvement in the

Washington Public Power Supply System's No. 3 generating station at Sastop, Wash., came as a surprise.

"When this all began in October 1983, they were objecting to my testimony on WPPSS 3 by saying that they weren't asking for a rate hike for the project," Lazar said. "Now, in the closing hours of the hearing, they have asked for a rate increase for WPPSS 3."

WWP is paying \$1.5 million a month in interest costs on money it borrowed

for its share of the construction, plus about \$500,000 a month in preservation costs while the plant is in mothballs.

Lazar, of Olympia, was hired by the ratepayer group Idaho Fair Share to analyze the cost effectiveness of the Spokane-based utility's continued participation in the Sastop project.

IPUC staff members also say in prepared testimony that the shareholders should shoulder the burden. "To allow rates to recover losses

associated with abandoned nuclear projects would be unfair to Idaho ratepayers," according to IPUC auditor Archie Holbert. "The effect of granting rates to cover this 'dry hole' would have the effect of shifting a stockholders' risk to the Idaho ratepayers."

"The Idaho ratepayers would be assuming this loss without any benefit or sharing in the gains," Holbert said. IPUC staff economist William Drummond said in his prepared tes-

timony that WWP should have abandoned its participation and urged the commission to examine evidence of cost overruns.

The hearings were originally scheduled for late October in Coeur d'Alene. But, WWP was granted a delay because it wanted the IPUC to rule on how the utility would recover its losses if the project were abandoned.

In October, WWP asked the IPUC to allow it to recover nearly \$56 million

of the \$155 million it will have spent on the project by the end of this year by amortizing the Idaho share of the stalled project over an extended period. WWP stockholders would then pay all future costs.

The Bonneville Power Administration, which is the majority owner of the plant, imposed a three-year construction delay in June 1983.

WWP has maintained that its decision to participate in the WPPSS 3 project was correct at the time.

LCSC president rips Stivers for proposing school closure

LEWISTON (AP) — The president of Lewis-Clark State College has charged that House Speaker Tom W. Stivers is "irrational and irresponsible" in proposing that the college be taken out of the state system and closed.

Lee A. Vickers, LCSC president told faculty and staff members on Tuesday, "I have no idea as to why Mr. Stivers decided out of the blue sky to start his attack on Lewis-Clark State College."

The most frequent question Vickers said he has been asked is, what is the college going to do about the attack? "But because the reasoning behind the abolition demand is unclear, it's difficult to formulate a response," Vickers said.

"It's difficult to deal with behavior that is so irrational and irresponsible, because you don't know where he's coming from," Vickers said.

Meanwhile, a separate response on the LCSC campus to Stivers' comments is more symbolic. Buttons with a red diagonal slash through Stivers' picture have been appearing on lawns.

Wearers of the "button" call themselves "Stiversbusters."

The controversy began last Wednesday when Stivers, R-Twin Falls, said LCSC should be closed as a



REP. TOM STIVERS
Wants college out of system

state-supported, four-year school. On Friday he said the three presidents of Idaho's state universities privately agreed with his call for closure.

The three presidents have since individually told reporters that they never told Stivers that the Lewiston

college should be closed.

Vickers said it is ironic that as Stivers was saying the university presidents coveted the LCSC budget, all four institution presidents were meeting with the State Board of Education and stating their united support for the entire higher education system.

Vickers said the college is doing several things in response to the closing call.

The college is preparing a fact book with information on enrollments, budgets and trends, which will be sent to all state legislators, he said. When the annual association meets with legislators, at the end of the month, the LCSC association will press for fair treatment, the president added.

The college also will assist the Greater Lewiston Chamber of Commerce in an economic impact study of the college on the Lewis-Clark Valley.

"This situation does not just involve us, it involves all of the people in Idaho, particularly in Northern Idaho and in this community," Vickers said.

In response to a faculty question on the progress of funding construction of a new library, Vickers said statements from someone in Stivers' position questioning the college's existence would hurt any effort to get state funding.

Suits over Swan Falls water rights delayed until Legislature's action

BOISE (AP) — Two 4th District Court judges have agreed to suspend court proceedings on Swan Falls water rights cases until after the Legislature has had a chance to act on a proposed settlement.

Judge Alan Schwartzman on Tuesday granted motions by Idaho Power Co. and the attorney general's office to delay a 1977 case filed by Idaho Power to protect its water rights at Swan Falls Dam.

The state Supreme Court sent the case back to district court two years ago after ruling that Idaho Power did not give up its Swan Falls rights when it signed an agreement with the state to allow construction of the company's three Hells Canyon dams.

Other issues remain to be decided, including whether Idaho Power forfeited some rights by continuing to supply power to new irrigators.

Judge Ray Durschl accepted similar motions Tuesday to stay a

case filed by Idaho Power in 1983 against irrigators and other water users who have been stamping from the Snake River or its tributaries in the past 10 years. The company already has petitioned to dismiss some of the estimated 3,500 defendants in that case.

A proposed settlement to the water rights dispute was signed in October by Idaho Power Chairman James Bruce, Attorney General Jim Jones and Gov. John Evans. The three agreed to suspend litigation and to seek a legislative solution to the dispute over future uses of the Snake River.

Attorneys for the state and Idaho Power requested that the stays last until seven days after the 1985 Legislature adjourns.

Tom Nelson, a Twin Falls water attorney representing Idaho Power, said the judges requested that formal orders be drafted by the attorneys be-

fore the stay becomes official.

The attorneys agreed to continue some evidence-gathering, including the taking of written depositions, to use if the proposed settlement is not adopted by the Legislature.

Ada residents say no to bond

BOISE (AP) — A proposed bond election and property tax levy to improve juvenile detention facilities in Ada County has gone down to resounding defeat.

A \$1.5 million bond issue received 51.2 percent approval in voting Tuesday, but fell far short of the two-thirds approval required. A second proposition, proposing to raise property taxes for five years to finance alternative programs to keep troubled

youth off jail, drew just under 50 percent of the vote, losing 5,859-5,757.

Voter turnout for the election was 12,483, 10.4 percent of the county's registered voters.

County officials estimated the proposals would have raised taxes about \$6 per year for five years on a \$60,000 home. The election cost the county about \$20,000, and it spent about \$30,000 for a public relations program promoting the proposals.



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He had accused group of attacking Mormon Church

Ex-IRS worker wins battle with agency

POCATELLO (AP) — A former Internal Revenue Service agent has reached an out-of-court settlement with the government agency after he accused it of attacking the Mormon Church.

However, lawyers for Paul DesFosses said details of the settlement will be kept from the public.

DesFosses, 46, Pocatello, came to terms with the IRS last week when he agreed to sign documents that prevent him from discussing the specifics of the case.

The dispute started in 1978 when DesFosses exposed an IRS investigation of Einar Erickson, a Las Vegas, Nev., geologist.

DesFosses charged that the investigation was attempted to attack and discredit the Mormon Church.

The former IRS agent and his lawyer, Don E. Cassidy, Salt Lake City, said the IRS offered to make an "administrative settlement," but only on condition DesFosses never talk about the agreement's terms.

IRS Idaho Director William Jacobs declined comment on either the settlement or the allegations DesFosses leveled at the agency.

Cassidy and DesFosses refused to comment when asked if a monetary settlement had been made, and if DesFosses would be reinstated as an IRS agent.

"IRS lawyers insisted the terms be held secret," Cassidy said. "To talk about the terms could only invite either a contempt citation or further retribution by the IRS."

However, DesFosses said that while the agreement was "satisfactory," he never intended to "make a profit" in any settlement. He declined to elaborate.

In his complaint to the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, DesFosses demanded he be reinstated in his former job with the IRS. He claimed he had to stop down last March from a job he held for 19 years and take a "disability retirement" because he was critical of the agency's investigation of Erickson.

DesFosses also filed a federal

suit against the IRS, making the same allegations.

In October, DesFosses withdrew his lawsuit and opted to take the matter before the merit protection board for an "administrative hearing." The hearing was scheduled for Tuesday at Idaho State University, but was canceled when the settlement was reached.

Although Erickson has been acquitted of the federal charges brought against him, he was the subject of a massive federal investigation in which government prosecutors claimed the geologist sold worthless mining claims to investors, who in turn donated the claims to charitable institutions and took tax writeoffs.

The government said it had broken up a "\$400 million" illegal tax shelter scam involving 4,000 investors nationwide.

But DesFosses said the agency ignored thousands of claims donated to charitable organizations throughout the country and conducted a campaign to smear the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

He said he was informed by the IRS project director of the Erickson investigation that the purpose of the project was to "generate adverse publicity against Brigham Young University."

DesFosses, a certified public accountant and a Mormon, said he became concerned when he learned IRS employees were hand-sorting individual tax returns filed from the Intermountain region at the IRS Service center in Ogden, Utah.

Anti-defamation league urges security

By SUSAN GALLAGHER
The Associated Press

BOISE (AP) — The days of leaving churches and synagogues unlocked to accommodate drop-in worshippers are over; because too often, the people who drop in are thieves or vandals, says the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Representatives of the ADL's Seattle regional office were in Boise on Wednesday to present a seminar on ways churches and synagogues can be made secure amid recurring violence against religious groups.

The seminar was prompted in part by the bombings of Jewish and Mormon buildings in Idaho and the circulation of anti-Catholic literature.

"Unfortunately, the sacrosanct nature of religious institutions no longer exists," David Lehrer, of the ADL told police officers, clergymen

and others at the seminar co-sponsored by churches and the Idaho Human Rights Commission.

Religious organizations must keep inventories of their valuables, secure their buildings with dead-bolt locks, install adequate lighting and eliminate exterior hiding places where n'er-do-wells can lie in wait, said Lehrer, ADL civil-rights director for the West.

The audience included the Very Rev. Martin Dwyer, who said after the seminar that silver items worth thousands of dollars were stolen from Boise's St. Michael's Episcopal Church, where he is senior pastor. New locks were installed as a result, but offenders simply turned to breaking windows to enter the building, Dwyer said.

"It hurts," he said. "You feel violated as a person, and as a Christian community."

Dwyer said he now has a list of 175 checkpoints to be covered in making sure the St. Michael's complex is secure before being left unoccupied.

"If you walk as fast as you can, it takes 30 to 40 minutes" to complete the security check, Dwyer said.

He described acts against churches as "anger that is coming out in a lazy way." Wrongdoers have identified churches as easy targets, he said.

Lehrer agreed, saying cases resulting in arrests have shown offenders usually "wanted to express whatever rage they had by directing it at a target that was a soft one."

Churches and synagogues can cease to be "soft" without becoming chilly fortresses, he said in outlining security measures.

Lehrer also said that based on the relatively few cases in which offend-

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Craig demands proof before dump is closed

NAMPA (AP) — Efforts to shut down EnviroSAFE Services of Idaho's Owyhee County hazardous waste dump will be thwarted until there is positive proof that the facility is causing environmental damage, according to Idaho Congressman Larry Craig.

"I think it is important that we divide two very different issues at this moment," Craig said Wednesday.

"The first being that many of the citizens of Owyhee County, and the county commissioners, by past public statements, simply do not want the continuation of the hazardous waste site in their county," Craig said. "For this, I cannot blame them."

The second issue, apart from that, is that until it can be proven that EnviroSAFE is damaging the environment of Owyhee County in such a way as to place human life in jeopardy, he said, "there is nothing I nor the county commissioners can do under current federal and state law."

Earlier this week, Craig reiterated a meeting in Murphy between county, state, federal and company officials at which Owyhee County Environmental Officer Charles Scott

again charged that waste has been contaminating the area's groundwater supply and the levels of contamination have increased over the past few months.

Craig, echoing statements by Environmental Protection Agency officials, criticized Scott for making those claims, contending they are based on incomplete information from test wells.

"I do not believe that it is, at this time, responsible to draw conclusions that in any way would lead the citizens of Owyhee County to believe that groundwater underneath EnviroSAFE is contaminated," Craig said Wednesday. "At the same time, it would not be fair to say that it does not run the risk of becoming so."

Until accurate and complete information on the situation is compiled, he said, it would be very difficult to evaluate the situation and take any punitive action.

Testing of groundwater supplies near the dump site is continuing. EnviroSAFE is currently operating the facility under Interim authority, but hearings are expected within the next six months on the company's application for a long-term operating permit.

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Fugitive linked to Mt. Hood homes

PORTLAND (AP) — A neo-Nazi presumed dead after a showdown with the FBI had rented three houses in the Mount Hood area, and he apparently fled to one of those residences after an earlier shootout with federal agents, according to FBI documents.

Robert Jay Mathews, 31, is believed to have died Saturday in a Whidbey Island, Wash., house that caught fire, ending a 36-hour standoff.

Three houses on Mount Hood, east of here, were rented to members of Mathews' neo-Nazi group, the FBI said. In one of them, FBI agents found wrappings from bandages and blood stains on a sink.

Mathews of Metaline Falls, Wash., was wounded following the shooting and wounding of an FBI agent during an escape from a Portland motel Nov. 24.

Information about the houses was included in a search warrant obtained by the Portland office of the FBI after Mathews' escape. The document was revealed Wednesday.

Mathews, according to police in Idaho, founded a white-supremacist organization called the White American Bastion.

The search warrant was obtained on a deposition signed by Billy Bob Williams, FBI special agent in Portland, in indicating that the teeth matched dental records of Mathews, but further tests were being made to confirm the identity, said officials in the King County medical examiner's office.

"We found Mathews and his associates had rented three homes, one at Government Camp, one at Rhododendron and one at Brightwood," Williams said. "We did a lot of discreet work up there to find out what we had. We found that one person moved back and forth several times between the Brightwood and Rhododendron houses, but the one at Government Camp, for which they paid \$1,600 rent, was apparently not used."

"We got search warrants, and on Nov. 23, SWAT teams hit all three houses, but the people were gone," Williams said. "We found debris in the Brightwood place indicating that someone in that house was injured. There were wrappings from bandages and blood stains on the sink. The address was 300 yards from where Mathews was dropped off by the last people with whom he hitched a ride."

Williams said a fingerprint team was brought from the FBI's Washington, D.C., laboratory and prints of Mathews and other individuals were found. Also found was a receipt from a Gresham pharmacy where someone bought bandages and first aid supplies after the Nov. 24 shooting.

An autopsy on the body found at the scene of the Whidbey Island, Wash., showdown indicated that the teeth matched dental records of Mathews, but further tests were being made to confirm the identity, said officials in the King County medical examiner's office.

Governor shuts out electric firm heads

DENVER (AP) — About 30 officials of rural electric companies were barred from a meeting of the Western Governors' Association Tuesday at the request of Colorado Gov. Richard Lamm, because a proposal to tax hydroelectric power was being discussed.

"I have taken it upon myself not to invite them (the electric company officials) in unless somebody here objects. I really would like to have a free-flowing conversation," Lamm told governors from Alaska, Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Idaho and Arizona, just before the electric company people and reporters were ushered out of the meeting.

The rural electric company officials said they are concerned about a report written by a task force of the governor's association. That report suggests that Western states might consider taxing hydroelectric power to pay for water projects that Congress has not financed, the company officials said.

"For the governors to expect our customers to become their tax

collectors — which is what this proposal really amounts to — seems to us to be political fraud," said Jeff Nelson of Madison, S.D., a spokesman for the electric company officials.

"We're being asked to provide the front-end equity financing with little understanding on our part of what the direct benefits are," Nelson said.

James Maddy, executive director of the Western Governors' Association, said the people kept out of Tuesday's meeting were in Denver to attend the Mid-West Electric Consumers Association 27th Annual Meeting, being held at the Fairmont Hotel. The governors' meeting was at the Bonanza Hotel.

Maddy said governors from the Missouri River Basin states and the Colorado River Basin states expressed some interest in forming a planning group that might help get water projects built without federal funds. But he said only Lamm and Gov. Bruce Babbitt of Arizona showed any real interest in the idea of establishing a surcharge on hydroelectric power.

Group approving BSU points out lack of funds

BOISE (AP) — An organization that has reaccredited programs at Boise State University says that although Idaho's public colleges are far from a lack of state funds, Boise State has used private money effectively to develop its programs.

The Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges has formally reaccredited BSU's academic and vocational-technical programs.

The stamp of approval means the university's programs meet or exceed national standards.

The association reaccredited BSU programs after a team of 14 evaluators visited the campus in October. During that visit they interviewed faculty, staff and students, and examined equipment, the library and other facilities.

The association predicted Idaho

will see an increase in partnership arrangements between its colleges, and business and industry.

"That growing partnership will be mutually beneficial to both parties," but the quality of public higher education in Idaho will suffer if budgets aren't increased, the association said.

In its report 10 years ago, the accrediting association expressed concern about what it viewed as BSU's poor facilities for physical education and the performing arts. Those deficiencies were corrected with construction of the BSU Pavilion and the Morrison Center for the Performing Arts, the association said.

BSU should expand its faculty research and graduate programs, but before that can occur, the university must increase the size of its faculty, upgrade equipment and improve library holdings, the association said.

Man sentenced for not filing state taxes

BLACKFOOT (AP) — A Pingree man has been fined \$300 and placed on a year's probation for failing to file his 1983 state income tax return.

Melvin Christensen was spared a six-month jail by 7th District Judge James Martich on the condition that he file all returns due the state and federal governments and pay any taxes due.

Christensen was convicted of failing to file a state return on nearly \$41,000 in gross income for 1983, but Deputy Attorney General William Von Tegen said he also failed to file returns for 1981 and 1982.

Christensen is the third person sentenced in the State Tax Commission's crackdown on nonfilers. Three more income tax cases and two sales tax cases are still pending.

Father of crash victim sues railroad

RIGBY (AP) — The father of a boy injured in an eastern Idaho car-truck collision two years ago has filed a \$1.1 million lawsuit on behalf of the youth.

The suit Darwin Dinsdale filed against Union Pacific Railroad charges the approach to a crossing

south of Rigby was obstructed, and warning lights should have been installed.

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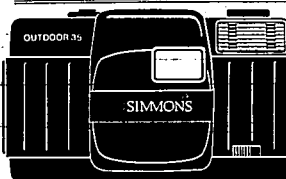
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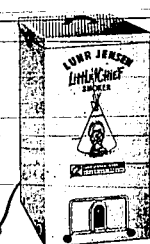


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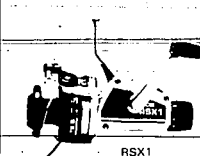
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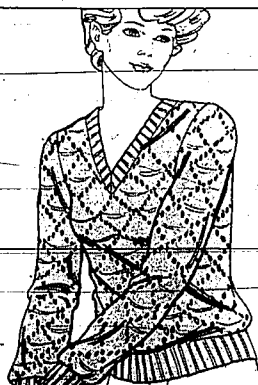
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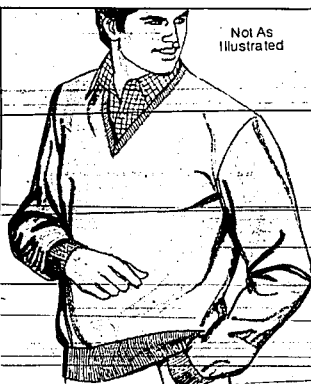
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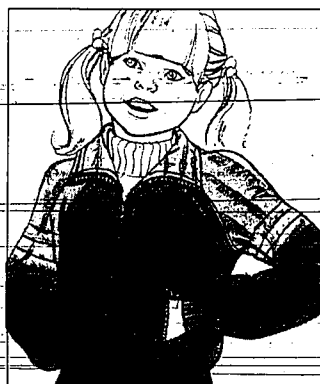
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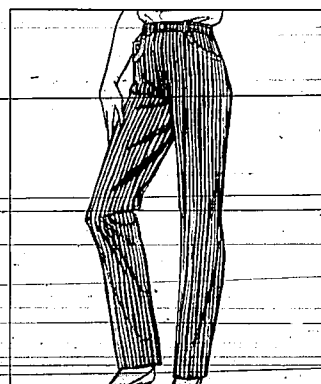
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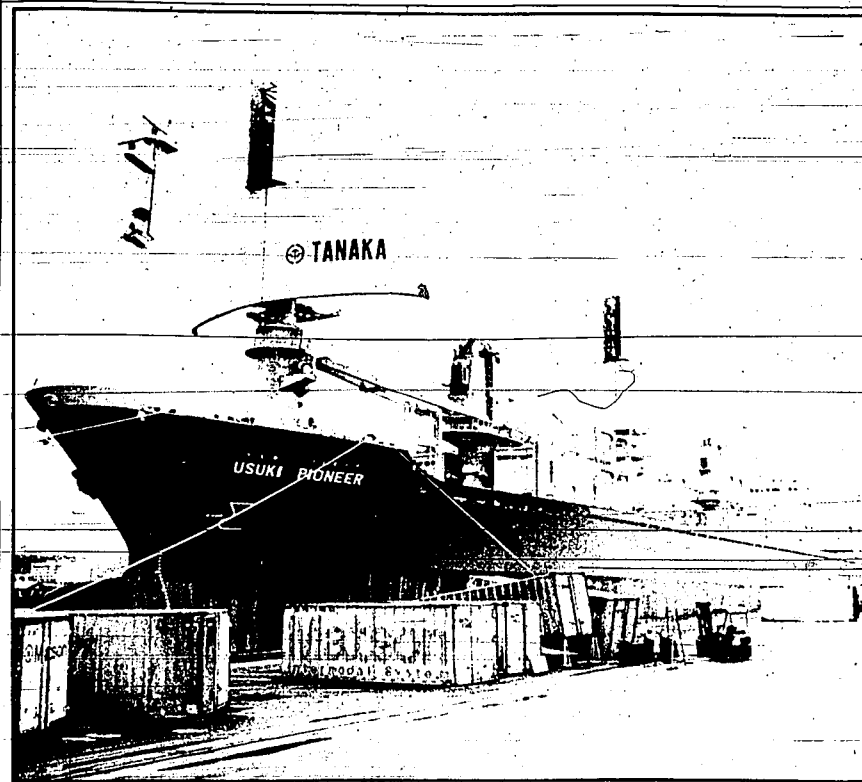
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Holiday sales rebound seen in final week

By COTTEN TIMBERLAKE
The Associated Press

The first two weeks of holiday sales fell below expectations, but big promotions and this year's extra weekend of shopping should turn around the retailers' most important season, analysts said Wednesday.

"The season really started off soft. Sales slowed very markedly right after Thanksgiving weekend," said Monroe Greenstein, a retail analyst with the investment firm Bear, Stearns & Co. in New York.

"There is an early sense, and it is early, that business may have picked up this past weekend and we may be into a stronger sales pattern for the balance of the Christmas season," he said.

"Many department stores and mass merchandising companies have seen for the first two weeks overall volume increases essentially flat year-to-year," said Jeffrey Feiner, an analyst with the investment firm Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc.

Howard Goldfeder, chairman of Federated Department Stores Inc., admitted to a securities analysts meeting in New York last week that sales since Thanksgiving had been "generally disappointing."

Asked about catalog sales, Feiner said, "Amongst the major retailers who have retail and catalog operations, there does not seem to be a discernible difference in sales trends."

But Spiegel Inc., a merchant that sells only by catalog, says its

Christmas sales are up 18 percent over a year ago. And Avon Products Inc. says its apparel catalogs also are pulling in double-digit sales gains.

The Christmas selling period accounts for 19 percent of retailers' annual revenues, and fourth-quarter profits account for 50 percent to 60 percent of their yearly earnings, said Jeffrey Edelman, an analyst with Dean Witter Reynolds Inc. in New York. He warned that this year's profits will be squeezed by widespread sales promotions.

Sears, Roebuck & Co., the nation's biggest retailer, declined to release figures for the first two weeks of the holiday season. But spokeswoman Kathy Guca said, "We are continuing to expect strengthening sales in the remaining days" before Christmas.

Ms. Guca said customers have been shopping late in the past few years and that the Chicago-based retailer expects that to happen again. Greenstein said he expects that, too.

"The calendar this year is ideal for a late Christmas season in that we have two extra shopping days before Christmas," said Feiner. "The additional two days provide the consumer with the luxury of waiting for even further potential price breaks," Feiner added.

Osmond offers stock in entertainment firm

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Donny Osmond Entertainment Corp. is going public at \$3 a share.

The company formed last summer in Texas is seeking to raise a maximum of \$7 million from a public stock offering of 1.4 million shares.

The stock offering is expected to close this week, said Sherry Rockett of the Denver brokerage E.J. Pittcock & Co.

The prospectus said the firm has entered into a five-year employment contract with Osmond to benefit "from Mr. Osmond's abilities in his creative and artistic aspects" of the company's business and "from his contacts in and knowledge of the entertainment industry."

It said the company plans to purchase distribution rights to segments of "The Donny and Marie Show," and "The Osmond Family Show" and to produce a children's series for the Disney channel.

The company also envisions film, video, music and theatrical projects.

Osmond, 26, will be chairman, vice president-project development and president of the company.

The prospectus said he would spend about 60 percent of his time working for the company.

"The involvement of Donny Osmond in the day-to-day operation may greatly accelerate the company's emergence in its industry," because Mr. Osmond has more than two decades of experience in many phases of the entertainment industry," it said.

Sale won't change airline's routes

DENVER (AP) — The Denver-based Frontier Horizon will fly its current routes for about six months if it is sold to Skybus Inc., a spokesman says.

Michael A. Chowdry of Denver, who with fellow airline industry consultant Jay D. Marsh of Chicago heads the newly formed Skybus, also said Tuesday that the Frontier Horizon sale probably will be completed by the end of the week.

The price has been estimated at \$15 million to \$22 million.

Sale negotiations continue between Chowdry and Hank Lund, president of Frontier Holdings Inc. in Denver. The holding company owns both the non-

union, low-cost Frontier Horizon and Frontier Airlines.

Frontier Horizon, which began service last Jan. 9, flies to San Francisco, Chicago, New York, Washington, D.C., and Orlando and Tampa-St. Petersburg, Fla.

If the carrier is sold, its routes will be transferred to Frontier Airlines gradually, without interruption of service, company officials said.

Chowdry said that in addition to domestic service as a regional carrier, Skybus plans to start Denver-to-London service after buying Frontier Horizon. He planned to meet with the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington on Wednesday, seeking approval for the route.

Skybus plans to buy DC-30-30 long-range aircraft for the London flights. The company also wants to buy Frontier Horizon's seven Boeing 727 planes and to sell them to another carrier.

"Skybus plans to move Frontier Horizon's hub, now in Denver, to another city. Frontier Horizon spokesman Ned Walker said the new location has not been determined. He said, however, that the airline would retain a headquarters staff of about 200 in Denver for a few years.

Frontier Horizon now employs about 500 people. The new airline would try to absorb the workers, and Frontier Airlines might be able to pick up any who are not retained, officials said.

Bank will open its 74th office

AMERICAN FALLS — Idaho First National Bank will open its 74th office in the state on Friday at American Falls. Chairman Fred C. Humphreys has announced.

The American Falls office will be located downtown at 588 Fort Hall Ave. and will house three teller stations, a night depository and safe deposit service.

The bank's nearest offices to American Falls previously had been the three branches in Pocatello.

Treasury secretary takes swipe at Fed over money policy



DONALD REGAN
Declines 'penalty'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury Secretary Donald Regan said Wednesday the Federal Reserve Board has been a "little penurious" in supplying money to the slowing economy, and he urged less restraint to help bring down interest rates.

Regan, who has periodically complained about the way the central bank is controlling the growth in the money supply, disclosed to a group of reporters that there have been "low level" discussions about bringing the independent Federal Reserve more under the control of the administration.

He said no decisions have been made and that he had not yet discussed the issue with President Reagan.

But, he said, "We're examining most things. After all we're starting a second term and we have to examine all the parts of government to see whether or not they have stood the test of time."

He said the United States was the only major industrialized nation with an independent central bank and that Fed actions had been troubling to a number of American presidents.

"It's something you have to examine because many people are criticizing the Fed," he said.

Federal Reserve spokesman Joseph R. Coyne said he would have no comment on Regan's remarks.

The Federal Reserve tries to provide enough money to the banking system to keep the economy growing, but not too much to cause a fresh surge in inflation. The degree of restraint they maintain on bank reserves affects the availability of credit, and therefore the level of interest rates.

Regan, asked his opinion of Fed Chairman Paul Volcker's performance, replied, "He's doing a good job in most things. In money supply, however, I think he's been a little penurious — remarkably tight."

He also expressed concern that the weekly measure of the money supply, technically called M-1, tumbled sharply in the week ending Dec. 3, a report the Fed will make public on Thursday.

"I read with a great deal of apprehension the fact that many economists are saying that this week the money supply is going down again substantially and wipe out that bulge of a couple of weeks ago," he told reporters.

"That's a hell of a way to start the first week of December, with a big negative number," he said.

In the past two reporting weeks, the measure surged \$3.6 billion. For the last 13 weeks, M-1 posted a seasonally adjusted rate of gain of 1.1 percent from the previous quarter. Fed officials set a growth target of about 6 percent from September to December.

"At this rate, they are not going to be anywhere close to that," Regan said. "We would be very satisfied if they would hit their

own target."

Regan said high interest rates were discouraging consumers from buying much during the holiday season.

"This is one of the reasons for the pause in consumer buying," he said. "This is not a great Christmas... and the reason is that people just aren't spending because the credit terms are so high."

Even though the cost of money to banks has come down, he said, the prime lending rate of those banks is still 11 percent and "consumer rates haven't been cut one iota since 1983."

Still, Regan did not foresee the economy slipping into a recession, and indeed predicted it would be somewhat stronger in the first part of next year than now. Many economists say the economy is expanding at an annual rate of about 2 percent in the current quarter, just about the same as the 1.9 percent seasonally adjusted pace of the July-September quarter.

Filing properly is best protection against tax audit by IRS

If you loathe an Internal Revenue Service tax audit, you can overcome the fear through a rational understanding of the tax-audit process.

You need only follow the proper filing techniques in this series to protect yourself.

The Internal Revenue Service has suffered a 5 percent cutback in staff since 1977, and with the severe shortage of work force cannot hope to audit more than 1 percent to 2 percent of all returns filed annually, says Susan Z. Frayman, Matthew Bender Tax Staff editorial executive. "If taxpayers understood more about how the system works, preparing a return could be a less stressful process."

The top 10 audit triggers to be avoided under the 1984 tax laws are:



Sylvia Porter

Sixth in a series

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dividuals to "organized bartering," these exchanges are elements of the "underground economy." Greatly disturbing to IRS.

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Bender also eradicates many rumors about audits, acknowledging not only what triggers an audit, but what does not trigger an audit. Submitting a return without the

preprinted name and address label, for example, does not trigger an audit, though stories are widespread — particularly in the New York metro area — that the lack of a label will result in punishment. Poor math is another element commonly believed to be a trigger, but the IRS corrects mathematics on more than 7 million returns annually, before submitting them for computer screenings.

Matthew Bender's Dictionary of 1040 Deductions for 1985, designed for use by business and professional, sells for \$32 and may be ordered by calling (800) 223-1940; in New York state call (212) 370-6531.

Next: What Congress took

Sylvia Porter writes on financial matters for Universal Press Syndicate.

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Corporate sector believed to account for record-setting increase

Limousine industry reports sales have virtually doubled

By ROBERT WADE
The Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Limousine builders are enjoying record sales as executives, movie stars and rockers pamper themselves with sleek cars catering to every whim from computerized bars to hot tubs in the trunk.

About 5,000 limousines, including 3,500 custom "stretch" limousines, were sold by manufacturers in 1984, double the normal rate, industry officials said.

"Last year (1984) was a record year," said Ty Bobit, who publishes the monthly Limousine & Chauffeur magazine in Redondo Beach, Calif., for about 5,000 subscribers. "There probably will be a leveling off, but the limousine industry has maintained sales. There has been no appreciable drop-off in sales," said Bobit.

Limousine manufacturers and the builders who customize stock limousines touted their legroom, headroom, seating capacity and accessories during a two-day industry conference and exposition sponsored

by the magazine at Caesars Hotel Casino in Atlantic City.

On display were limousines sporting computerized seat bars, telephones, stereos, televisions, plush carpeting and enough room to seat six comfortably.

More than \$1.25 million worth of vehicles on the exposition floor were sold before the show concluded Monday night, said Bobit. Craig Kavanaugh, 25, a partner in one of the more flamboyant builders of luxury vehicles, Ultra Limousine Corp., of LaPalma, Calif., said he brought two custom

cars to the show, one with a \$45,000 price tag, another available for \$55,000.

"I had no trouble selling these two limousines in the first 10 minutes of the show, and I've taken orders for 10 more," he said.

Kavanaugh's vehicles are purchased from car manufacturers and elongated by 73 inches before carpeting, tinted glass, stereos and telephones are installed. He also has installed hot tubs where the trunk would normally be, so that passengers can relax in the soothing waters in full view of traffic.

"I will build anything anyone requests," said Kavanaugh, whose company provides custom autos for television and movie productions.

David Klein, 39, president of Day-El Limousine of Newark, one of the largest limousine operators in the country, said the use of chauffeur-driven luxury vehicles has gained popularity among executives.

Bobit attributed the increase in limousine popularity partly to news coverage of star musicians and Hollywood personalities.

U.S. declares year's 76th bank failure

By ROBERT FURLLOW
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government declared the 76th bank failure of the year Tuesday, making 1984 the worst year for the banking industry since the Depression era.

The total, which could rise further in the next three weeks, should decline next year, said William Isaac, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. But Isaac said next

year's failures could increase even higher than this year if interest rates rise or the economic recovery sputters out.

Isaac, answering questions at a lengthy year-end briefing with reporters, said many banks have been gaining strength along with the rest of the economy in the past two years.

He said the recovery still has not taken hold in some states, especially those that depend heavily on farming,

but he saw no threat to the banking system, which includes about 14,700 banks.

This year's 76 failures surpassed the 75 of 1937 and was the worst figure since 4,000 banks failed in 1933. That year, in the depths of the Great Depression, the extreme threat to the banking system led to creation of the FDIC, which insures depositors' accounts up to \$100,000 each.

The University Bank of Wichita,

Kan., was declared insolvent Tuesday and closed by Eugene T. Barrett Jr., state banking commissioner, and placed under Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. receivership.

The FDIC chairman also said: "Despite having to deal with so many failures, the agency's insurance fund has risen to \$17 billion, up from \$11 billion in 1981, as a result of better returns on its investments as well as higher contributions by banks."

Large, federally insured deposits placed in sometimes-troubled institutions around the country by deposit brokers continue to be a threat to the agency's fund, and he will continue to fight to restrain such activities.

A restraining rule approved by the FDIC and another agency that regulates savings and loan institutions was thrown out by a federal court and is now under appeal.

He expects some form of banking legislation to pass Congress next year, probably including a provision to base a bank's federal insurance assessment partly on the bank's condition. A major question, though, is what expanded powers banks might be granted, the issue that stymied passage of a banking bill this year.

Isaac, an appointee of President Carter, probably will leave the FDIC within the next year.

The FDIC has been spending about \$1 billion a year on bank failures.

Overall bank profits probably will rise again next year, but he said there could be new problems — and even a new post-Depression record for failures — if economic conditions worsen instead of improve.

Month layoff asked of mill workers

By FRENCHTOWN, Mont. (AP)

Workers at the Champion International Corp. linerboard mill here have been asked to take voluntary layoffs this month because of small production cutbacks.

About 40 jobs "won't need to be manned" at the mill, Champion spokesman Bob Kelly said Tuesday. He described the cutbacks as temporary and said full production will

resume in early January.

Kelly said no workers will be laid off until managers determine how many take holiday vacations or volunteer to take time off. The mill employs about 600 workers.

He said the company didn't know what the reaction would be to the request to workers to voluntarily leave their jobs temporarily. "We don't know," Kelly said. "We've never

done this before."

Champion's traditional one-week December layoff for all workers during plant maintenance won't take place this year, Kelly said.

Paper-products sales and prices generally have been strong, but Kelly said the cutback was decided upon after sales officials noted a surplus of inventory of certain products made at the Frenchtown mill and others.

He said the cutback would halt production of 10,000 tons of linerboard and require that one of three linerboard machines be shut down. The mill produces about 55,000 tons of linerboard each month.

Kelly said he can only speculate as to why linerboard production has outstripped sales, although it could be due to a temporary easing of demand.

United Paper Workers union officials met with Champion managers Tuesday but could not be reached for comment.

Call answered

LONDON (AP) — The British Broadcasting Corp. posted an unusual casting call for a show about a zoo veterinarian — an ad offering a \$30 reward for anyone who could act as agent for a troupe of fleas.

Bill Sellers, producer of the BBC-TV series "One By One," said the tiny creatures were needed for a tied circus in one of the episodes.

Market declines slightly

By CHET CURRIER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The stock market declined slightly Wednesday, running into some resistance after the rally of the past two sessions.

Airline issues bucked the general downturn, benefiting from talk of possible renewed downward pressure on oil prices.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, up 15.12 points in the week's first two sessions, slipped back 3.20 to 1,175.13.

Volume on the New York Stock Exchange tapered off to 78.71 million shares from 80.24 million Tuesday.

The market's rally of late has been encouraged by expectations that weekly Federal Reserve figures due out late Thursday will show a large decline in the basic measure of the money supply.

The money supply has risen sharply in the last two weekly reports. If it were to turn downward again, analysts theorize, it would give the Fed leeway to loosen its credit policy further.

Interest rates have fallen in the credit markets this week in anticipation of such circumstances. In Wednesday's activity, rates on short-term Treasury bills fell about 10 basis points, or hundredths of a percentage point.

Prices of long-term government bonds, which the Fed has been moving up about \$5 for every \$1,000 in face value.

But with all that, brokers noted that the recent upswing in stock prices came on relatively light volume, suggesting that many investors were in no great rush to buy.

Wall Streeters point out that the market still faces many uncertainties in the coming weeks as the Reagan administration plots its strategy for tax reform and narrowing the federal budget deficit.

In the airline group, Southwest Airlines rose 1 1/4 to 22 1/2; AMR 3/4 to 34 1/2; Delta 7/8 to 39 1/2; and UAL 3/4 to 42 1/2.

J.P. Morgan climbed 1 1/4 to 75 1/4. The bank holding company declared a 2-for-1 stock split in the form of a 100 percent stock dividend.

Datapoint added 1 to 19. It said it had hired an investment banking firm to explore alternatives to a possible takeover move by Asher B. Edelman, a New York investor.

On the downside, Frigintronics fell 2 1/4 to 27 1/2. The company said it expects to report lower earnings for the fiscal half year ended Nov. 30.

FMC Corp. tumbled 3 to 64 1/2 as a brokerage firm analyst removed his "buy" recommendation on the stock.

The daily tally on the Big Board showed about five issues falling in price for every four that gained ground, and the exchange's composite index slipped 21 to 93.79.

Standard & Poor's Index of 400 industrials fell .63 to 181.68, while S&P's 500-stock composite index was off .44 to 162.63.

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Phillips Petroleum battles bid for takeover

By PETER LARSON
Dallas Times Herald

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. — The stock market reports flickered across the screen like a code spelling disaster.

"It's bedlam," said stockbroker Maxine Croley, whose office was jammed last week with Phillips Petroleum executives scanning the Wall Street Journal for news of proxy fights and court battles.

The fate of this Oklahoma town is riding the ticker tape as Phillips battles a hostile takeover bid by T. Boone Pickens, president of Mesa Petroleum Co. of Amarillo, Texas.

After secretly amassing 8.8 million shares of Phillips stock, Pickens disclosed last week that he would try to acquire the company for \$9.3 billion.

Panic gripped this town of 41,000, where Phillips employs 7,700 workers at its world headquarters. Phillips, the nation's 10th largest oil company, is the largest private employer in Oklahoma.

Many residents fear massive layoffs if the merger succeeds.

"This could turn Bartlesville into a ghost town," Claude Irwin, 54, a Phillips safety manager, said.

"There's a lot of Maalox being sold here," said Pete Angel, 47, an insurance broker in Bartlesville.

"Everybody's scared."

"We're sending out resumes with our Christmas cards," joked Melanie Keltner, whose husband is a Phillips executive, joked.

There is open hatred here for Pickens, the oil tycoon who threatens to topple the Phillips empire.

Already, "Boone-buster" T-shirts



T. BOONE PICKENS
Trying to acquire company

have appeared at Phillips headquarters.

"Soon we'll be buying Boone 66 gasoline," Greg Smith, 36, an electronics teacher at Bartlesville High School, said.

Since 1982, Pickens has gained notoriety as the corporate pirate behind some of the biggest mergers in oil history. His takeover raids on Citic Service Oil Co., Gulf Oil Co. and American General Oil Co. were unsuccessful, but they reaped huge profits for Pickens and Mesa Petroleum.

His latest venture triggered fear that Pickens will grab Phillips' oil reserves and dismantle the corporate headquarters in Bartlesville, where Phillips has been based since 1935.

Pickens says he won't.

"If we're successful, my wife and I will move to Bartlesville," he said last week.

But the town is skeptical. Some residents accuse Pickens of having a vendetta against Phillips, where he got his start in the oil business.

In 1951, after graduating from Oklahoma State University, Pickens joined Phillips Petroleum in Bartlesville, 50 miles north of Tulsa, as a junior geologist. He quit in 1955 to start his company, and some say Phillips was fired.

"I couldn't keep my mouth shut," admitted Pickens, who said he quarreled often with Phillips management.

The revenge motive gained popularity last week after Pickens announced plans to fire Phillips' 14-

member board of directors.

"Phillips fired him, and now Pickens is getting even," said Jim Heath, 41, a tobacco shop owner.

While Phillips officials plot strategy, many employees are contemplating unemployment. Recent oil mergers affecting Getty Oil Co. and Gulf Corp. resulted in huge layoffs in the Houston area.

"The big thing is fear," said Tony Hoppe, 35, a Phillips employee.

"When a big company is taken over, people lose their jobs."

"Everybody's in shock," Keltner said. "It's a big thrill for Mr. Pickens, but he doesn't know how all of us are suffering."

Still, there is a determination by many employees to fight the merger. Some say they will resign if Phillips takes over.

"A little faith in the company is all we need," H.F. Artzberger, 36, a Phillips employee, said.

The threat of merger already has hurt the local economy, according to some business leaders. Retail sales are down, and the real estate market has slowed to a standstill, they said.

"It's been noticeable," Sam Cartwright, a Bartlesville Chamber of Commerce official, said. "People are tightening their belts a bit — they don't know what's ahead."

Mary Ann French, 29, said one of her neighbors decided against building a new home after Pickens announced his takeover bid.

"They were going to buy land and build a house, but they backed out and lost \$5,000," she said. "They can't afford to risk it."

Although the takeover was rumored for months, no one believed Phillips could be toppled, or seriously threatened, by a company as small as Mesa.

Bartlesville is the epitome of a solid, secure, company town. Phillips Petroleum owns five major office buildings in the downtown area and has two more under construction.

It was founded by Frank Phillips, an Iowa barber whose wildcat oil strike in 1905 transformed the remote Indian trading post into a wealthy boom town. Phillips, called "Uncle Frank" by employees, was the sort of swaggering egotist Pickens would have admired.

"I'm egotistical. I'm bombastic," Phillips once described himself. "I'm tough, and I know it."

The main street in Bartlesville is named after Phillips. So is the hospital. Before his death, Phillips paid off the debt of every church in town.

In return, Phillips expected absolute loyalty. His employees were

expected to buy Phillips tires and Phillips 66 gasoline for their cars.

"The company owned you body and soul. That was their reputation," Gene Stull, 59, an insurance manager, said.

Throughout the years, the company stayed in Bartlesville. The town acquired a symphony and ballet troupe, and built a \$13.5 million civic center.

"We were founded here," Harrison said. "The company never found a valid reason to leave."

In recent years, Phillips has improved employee benefits and urged its workers to buy stock in the company. Employees now own 8.4 percent of Phillips outstanding shares, said spokesman Dan Harrison.

As Phillips stock climbed last week on the New York Stock Exchange, the company urged its employees not to sell. Most of the shares are owned by 10 large shareholders, however.

While many Phillips employees were clinging to their stock, others were selling as the price shot up to \$54 a share on Friday. Before the takeover attempt, the price hovered near \$43.

The stock windfall won't mean much if Phillips moves out of Bartlesville, most residents agree.

"If you're losing your job, a little bit of stock won't help," Keltner said.

Pickens accused of violations

By PATRICK BOYLE
The Los Angeles Times

A partnership trying to take over Phillips Petroleum Co. was denied a skilful Tuesday bid, but was hit with a lawsuit accusing its leader, T. Boone Pickens, of violating U.S. securities laws.

In the suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Delaware, Phillips accused Pickens of misleading investors and failing to file proper documents with the Securities and Exchange Commission before soliciting stockholder support for his effort.

At the same time, Phillips directors adopted changes in the company's bylaws designed to make it more difficult for Pickens to carry out his plan to replace the firm's directors with his own slate.

In a related matter, the Delaware Supreme Court declined to hear Phillips' appeal of an earlier lower court ruling that said the Pickens group could proceed with a \$1.38 billion tender offer for Phillips stock.

The group, known as Mesa Partners, withdrew plans for the \$60-per-share tender offer Monday because of the growing legal uncertainties surrounding the bid. Pickens is chairman of Mesa Petroleum Co. of Amarillo, Tex.

The Supreme Court in Delaware, where Phillips is incorporated, said it would allow the state's Chancery Court to go ahead with a hearing next Monday on the Mesa bid and left intact a Chancery Court injunction blocking an Oklahoma court from jurisdiction in the matter. Phillips is based in Bartlesville, Okla., where a judge last week issued an order to block the tender offer.

Phillips' new lawsuit charges that Pickens has engaged in a nationwide public relations campaign to persuade Phillips stockholders to support his effort but has yet to file the necessary documents outlining his plan with the SEC.

"Pickens and Mesa Partners are using their announced offer as a device to evade the federal proxy rules and thereby mislead investors," Phillips said.

Mesa said the Phillips suit is "completely without merit."

One takeover expert said the Phillips suit was an aggressive legal maneuver but is unlikely to thwart Pickens.

"It's stretched to say that he's been soliciting proxies," the expert said, asking not to be identified. "It's a creative legal attack, but I doubt it will hold much water."

Phillips said its directors adopted a bylaw amendment requiring that stockholders be given 60 days to vote in any campaign soliciting their "written consent" to elect new directors or change the company's charter. Pickens has said he intends to use a provision of Delaware law that allows written petitions from a majority of stockholders to be used to elect company operations or management.

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By The Associated Press

Borah and Bolse both have won four straight, Meridian is 3-0 and Capital is 2-0, the same as Bonneville.
Burley takes over for Rigby, which



fell completely out of the top five after opening the season with three successive losses, as the No. 1 A-2 team

Lapwai moved up a notch to replace previously top-ranked Gooding in the A-3s. The Senators suffered a fate similar to Rigby's, dropping all the way to fifth with a 0-2 record. West Jefferson vaulted from fifth to second in the second poll of the season while

By The Associated Press

Here are the latest Associated Press rankings of Idaho high school basketball teams, as voted by member sportswriters and sportscasters. First-place votes are in parentheses:

A-1				A-3			
Team		W	L Pct.	Team		W	L Pct.
1. Borah (12)		4	60	1. Lapwai (2)		2	60
2. Coeur d'Alene (12)		4	60	2. Lost Jefferson (2)		2	60
3. Meridian		3	31	3. The Homedale (1)		1	37
4. Capital		2	31	3. Glens Ferry		2	60
5. Bonnersville		2	31	5. Gooding		1	37
Others receiving votes: Pocatello (12),				Others receiving votes: Fruitland (3-50), Melandrie (3-50),			
Lewiston (2-2), Highland (0-2), Coeur d'Alene (2-2)				West Side (1-2), Grangeville (3-51),			
Handout (1-1)				Postfach (2-2), Challis (1-1)			
A-2				A-4			
Team		W	L Pct.	Team		W	L Pct.
1. Burley		4	41	1. Oakley (7)		4	34
2. Bishop Kelly		3	31	2. Cascade		2	31
3. Snake River (2)		2	31	3. Rockland		2	31
4. Moscow		2	31	4. Castelford		2	31
5. Shoshone (1)		1	37	5. Valley (1-1), Nulato (2-2)		1	37
Others receiving votes: Jerome (1-1),				Others receiving votes: Plummer			
(2-2), Valley (0-2), American Falls (2-1),				Nepreque (4-2), Meadows Valley (3-50), Garden Valley (1-1)			
Hugh (0-3), Salmon (2-0), St. Maries (2-1), Orofino							

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A detailed preview of weekend events

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In T-N pre-season cage poll

By STEVE CRUMP
Times-News sports editor

Wood River, Bliss and Oakley were narrow favorites in the SCIC and the

In the Gem State Conference, defending champion Twin Falls finished second to Pocatello with 45

Scoring was done on a descending-points basis, with values assigned as follows:

Snow storm recurs

Hulsey's bucket four and one-half minutes into the second half pulled

Big Sky roundup

Griz reeling from WSU loss

By The Associated Press

Montana State at 2-3 hosts St. Mar.

Northern Arizona takes its 5-1 record back on the road against in-state rival Arizona State.

• See **BIG SKY** on Page D2

More snow abounds for Vallev's skiers

Magic Mountain — Magic is scheduled to open Friday — the resort will run on a weekend-only schedule for the time being — with



IDAHO SKI REPORT

36 inches of snow at the lodge and 48 inches at the top of the mountain. The resort recommends snow tires and chains on the road leading up the hill. Hours this weekend: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Conditions are other major southern Idaho resorts Wednesday:

- Bogus Basin - 55 total, 2 new.
- Brundage - 60 total, 4 new.
- Grand Targhee - No report.
- Silverhorn - 101 total, 13 new.

Prep basketball roundup

to our keys defensively. We have to contain Dean Morrison better than we did last week when he got 22. He's a 6-3 perimeter player and presents our smaller guards with match-up problems.

don't expect him to have one this week. In fact, I think he's going to have a super game. (Doug) Petersen has been very consistent and (Craig) Langley was ill last week and should be stronger. He hit our first five

team at 3-1, will host its own tournament Friday and Saturday involving Hansen (0-5), Bliss (3-0) and Jackpot (0-2).

Glenns Ferry, ranked third in Class A-3 this week by the AP and 2-1, will

8. Jerome (3-1) will visit Minico (1-1) for an 8 o'clock non-conference contest in Rupert, while Wood River will travel to Wendell (1-2) for another p.m. non-league matchup. Shoshone (3-0) is scheduled to visit Hagerman.

Cincinnati stuns UAB

By The Associated Press

Tony Wilson, a walk-on substitute, fired a 49-foot jump shot at the buzzer for the winning points, giving the University of Cincinnati a 64-67 upset over the 17th-ranked University of Alabama-Birmingham in a non-conference college basketball game Wednesday night in Cincinnati.

Wilson, at 6'10" on a track scholarship, entered the game with less than three minutes left; scored a basket on a goaltending call to put Cincinnati ahead 62-61.

Steve Mitchell, a junior guard for Alabama-Birmingham, hit two 26-foot jump shots. Then, with a 44-41 lead, Wilson was fouled and made a free throw to complete a three-point play and tying the game at 65.

Roger McClinton hit two free throws, giving Cincinnati a 67-65 lead at 12. Mitchell then hit another field goal, tying the game. And, with :04 left, Wilson took an in-bound pass, paused as he crossed midcourt and fired in the game-winning shot.

Cincinnati, undefeated in four outings, was unranked. Alabama-Birmingham sank to 5-4.

Myron Hughes scored 22 points to lead Cincinnati. Jerome Mincey paced Alabama-Birmingham with 17 points and Tracy Foster added 12.

DePaul 76, Penn St. 63
In State College, Pa., Kenny Pate scored 19 points and Lemone Lamley, sparked a first-half surge with consecutive slam dunks as second-ranked DePaul downed Penn State.

The Blue Demons, 6-0, who met top-ranked Georgetown Saturday, were never behind in the game.

After DePaul went on top 14-4, Penn State cut the margin to 18-16 before the Blue Demons pulled away for good.

Led by consecutive slam dunks and three foul shots by Lamley, who had 12 points, the Blue Demons went on a 14-2 surge to extend the lead to 32-18 with 6:38 left in the first half.

Penn State pulled to within 11 points twice in the second half, the second time on two free throws by Jim Newman with 5:27 to play, making it 67-56. But DePaul scored the next seven points.

Penn State was led by Craig Collins with 12 points and Dwight Gibson with 11.

Georgetown 86, American 64
In Landover, Md., seven-foot center

Patrick Ewing scored 20 points, grabbed 11 rebounds and blocked four shots to lead top-ranked and undefeated Georgetown past crosstown rival American University.

Ewing, enjoying a six-inch height advantage over his tallest opponent, hit on nine of 11 shots from the field in leading Georgetown to its sixth straight victory.

Bill Martin added 19 points and David Wingate 17 for the Hoyas.

American was led by Jim Lutz, whose 17 points matched his career best.

The 64 points by American was the most scored against Georgetown this year.

Georgetown next will play second-ranked DePaul here on Saturday.

Georgetown, which trailed 26-24 10 minutes into the game, opened a 50-36 lead at the half after outscoring the Eagles 26-10.

Hoyas' first defeat in 18 games dating back to last year, stayed close for the first 10 minutes after hitting eight of their first 10 shots from the floor.

Lutz sparked the Eagles early with eight points but was forced to the bench with 9:38 remaining in the half with his third foul. From that point on it was all Georgetown.

The Hoyas scored 20 unanswered points over the next two minutes to take a 34-26 lead they would never surrender.

Ewing converted seven of his first eight shots, displaying a wide range of turnarounds, jumpers, sky hooks and slam dunks.

Syracuse 71, St. Bonaventure 59
In Olean, N.Y., junior Rafael Addison scored 15 points as 10th-ranked Syracuse survived a first-half scare to beat St. Bonaventure 71-59 Wednesday night in a non-conference college basketball game.

Addison and freshman guard Michael Brown, who had 12 points, keyed a mid-second-half surge that put the game away after St. Bonaventure, 3-2, had a three-point halftime lead.

St. Bonaventure sophomore guard Alvin Lett led all scorers with 17 points.

Trailing 26-23 at the half, Syracuse,

5-0, outscored the Bonnies 14-11 in the second half's first three minutes to go up 34-30.

A Samuels rebound basket put the Bonnies as close as they would come at 34-32, but Syracuse then went on another tear, with Brown chipping in six points during a six-minute stretch that ended with the Orange up 49-38.

Michigan 83, E. Michigan 72
In Ann Arbor, Mich., center Roy Tarpley scored 17 points and forward Richard Relford added 15 to lead a balanced scoring attack as 20th-ranked Michigan defeated Eastern Michigan.

Michigan improved its record to 6-0. Eastern Michigan fell to 3-2.

All five Wolverine starters scored in double figures, countering a superb effort by Eastern Michigan center Vince Giles. The 6-foot-9 senior, the Hurons' only starter over 6-4, battled the taller Wolverines underneath to score 29 points.

Michigan's lead fluctuated between 6 and 11 points in the second half until guard Antoine Joubert made a three-point play that gave the Wolverines a 70-58 margin with 3:38 remaining.

Guard Fred Cofford scored 19 points for Eastern Michigan.

St. John's 77, Davidson 51
In Charlotte, N.C., guard Chris Mullin scored 20 points to break St. John's all-time career scoring mark as the fourth-ranked Redmen rolled past Davidson.

The Redmen outscored the Wildcats 14-2 to start the second half to pull away and run their record to 5-0.

Despite Davidson's box-and-one defense on Mullin, the senior scored 10 points early in the game to give St. John's a 28-15 lead with 8:06 remaining in the opening half.

Davidson rallied, scoring eight straight points — six by Gerry Brown — to close the gap to 28-23 with 4:56 left. The Wildcats, 3-4, cut the lead to 32-29 at halftime.

The Redmen put the game out of reach in the first four minutes of the second half. Walter Berry scored six of St. John's 10 points during the stretch as the Redmen opened up a 46-31 lead with 15:53 left.

Pick 'n' Skies

76ers get back another way, avenge themselves on Celts

By The Associated Press

NBA

Philadelphia Coach Billy Cunningham called it "everything a 76ers-Celtics game is supposed to be," an intense rivalry without the bawling that marred the two teams' last National Basketball Association meeting in November.

But Boston Coach K.C. Jones wished the outcome had been different after the 76ers' 110-107 victory Wednesday night in Philadelphia.

"We got in a hole in the beginning, something like 13 or 14 points. And when you do that, it makes things awfully tough to dig your way out," Jones said. "We battled back and at the end took a four-point lead, but Tony's jumper, a couple of turnovers and missed free throws did us in."

Andrew Toney scored six key points down the stretch and Charles Barkley added two free throws to seal the victory.

"Billy wanted me to get more aggressive at the end," said Toney, adding that the Celtics were "just another team" to him.

"I don't want to force anything, but Billy told me to take shots. If I didn't get them, I would pass off — I got them."

Julius Erving, who was fined \$7,500 along with Larry Bird when the two were ejected in the first Nov. 9 in Boston, said that game is history.

"We shook hands with the referee and with each other and prepared to go to bed," Erving said. "He added that the two stars didn't say anything to each other about the fight, 'but — it was a sincere handshake.'"

New Jersey 116, Milwaukee 109

In East Rutherford, N.J., Otis Birdsong scored 11 of his 27 points during a 28-11 New Jersey surge in the second half and Buck Williams had 28 points and 15 rebounds to help the Nets break a five-game losing streak with a victory over the Milwaukee Bucks.

The Nets, despite having only eight healthy players, were playing their sixth consecutive contest against a team either in first or second place in its division.

In Pontiac, Mich., Isiah Thomas scored 23 points and the Detroit Pistons fought off a fourth-quarter Chicago rally to record a victory.

The victory moves Detroit, now 13-10, past Chicago and into sole possession of second place in the Central Division. Chicago is 13-11.

In Dallas, reserve forward Dale Ellis scored 10 key points in the fourth period and Mark Aguirre scored 27 as the Dallas Mavericks defeated the Kansas City Kings.

Ellis, who finished with 18 points, hit three straight baskets early in the fourth quarter to give Dallas its biggest lead of the game at 95-65.

After a 10-0 run by the Kings pulled Kansas City to within 10-9, the 6-foot-7 Ellis ended the rally with a 15-footer and two free throws to give Dallas a 105-97 edge with 5:30 to play.

Kansas City pulled to within 111-107 with 1:40 to play but did not score again.

San Antonio 126, Denver 105
In San Antonio, Texas, Artis Gilmore's 23 points and a tough San

Antonio defense paved the way for the Spurs' victory over the Denver Nuggets.

Billy Knight, in his second game in a Spurs uniform after being traded from Kansas City Tuesday, had 21 points, 15 in the fourth quarter.

Atlanta 116, Cleveland 99
In New Orleans, Dominique Wilkins scored 33 points to lead the Atlanta Hawks to a over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

It was the seventh straight loss for the 2-19 Cavaliers. The Hawks are 10-13.

LA Lakers 131, Golden State 107
In Inglewood, Calif., Mike McGee scored 17 points and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar added 15 to surpass 32,000 points as the Los Angeles Lakers crushed the Golden State Warriors in a game in which three players were ejected for fighting.

Abdul-Jabbar, the NBA's all-time leading scorer, entered the game with 31,994 entering the game and surpassed the 32,000-point mark on a rebound lay-in with 3:49 left in the first quarter.

The Lakers took a 65-46 halftime lead and broke the game open in the third quarter by outscoring Golden State 37-15 to lead 102-61 going into the final period.

The game was interrupted by two fights. In the second quarter, Warrior guard Steve Burt was ejected for punching McGee after a bumping incident with the Lakers guard.

In the third quarter, Los Angeles guard Byron Scott and Warriors guard Eric "Sleepy" Floyd were ejected after the game's second fight. Scott fouled Floyd, who had the ball at the top of the key in the Warriors' forecourt, and a fight broke out between the two in which several punches were thrown.

Picks

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cording to the number of teams in the conference. In an eight-team league, for example, a first-place vote was worth eight points, a second-place vote seven, and so on.

Gem State Conference		Polska
1. Wood River	21	
2. Jerome (2)	20	
3. Bluff	19	
4. Burley (1)	18	
5. Mtn. Home	17	

Canyon Conference		Polska
1. Coaling (7)	21	
2. Clifton Ferry	20	
3. Shoshone	19	
4. Declo	18	
5. Filer	17	
6. Valley	16	
7. Wallace	15	

South-Central Idaho Conference		Polska
1. Wood River	21	
2. Jerome (2)	20	
3. Bluff	19	
4. Burley (1)	18	
5. Mtn. Home	17	

Northside Conference		Polska
1. Bluff (3)	21	
2. Coaling (1)	20	
3. Clifton Ferry	19	
4. Carey	18	
5. Richfield	17	
6. Ketchum/Sun Valley	16	

Magic Valley Conference		Polska
1. Oakley (4)	21	
2. Dietrich	20	
3. Murfreesboro	19	
4. Lagerman	18	
5. Hansen	17	

CSI

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CSI back to within eight again but Parsons, Scott — and Humphreys replied immediately for Snow to extend his margin back to 14 points. Out to 11 in the second half, with 12:08 remaining on two Jeff Logan field goals but the Eagles were never under double digit was thereafter.

"I didn't think the seven-point was a factor in the game but those two guys outgassed us badly. We didn't shoot well. The guys who did everything well last Saturday night did nothing tonight. We couldn't even spell defense tonight, let alone play it," Coach Fred Trenkle said after-

ward. "It was a nightmare and I'm glad it's over."

Trenkle said motivation has been the major problem of the team this year.

"We didn't make any special strategy at halftime. We just said 'Find your man, contain him and get to the boards.' We didn't do that."

Trenkle said the defense was the major disappointment for him.

"We cut it down to eight or nine a couple of times. Once to eight in the second half and had a chance to keep it rolling. But then we give up two straight layups because somebody lost his man."

Big Sky

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dals' leading scorer forward Ulf Spears, averaging nearly 18 points a game so far, and center Frank Garza, who will be up against SMU's 7-foot center Jon Koncinski, a member of this year's gold-medal U.S. Olympic basketball team.

The Broncos, predicted to finish in the bottom-half of the conference this season, are looking to even their series record with Oregon State at 2-2.

"There's no question that this is one of the nation's top basketball programs and Ralph Miller is one of the best in the game today," Boise State head coach Bobby Dye said.

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Cards swap Hendrick to Pirates for Tudor

By PETER MATTIACE
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The St. Louis Cardinals traded power-hitting outfielder George Hendrick and a minor league infielder to the Pittsburgh Pirates Wednesday for left-handed pitcher John Tudor and catcher-outfielder Brian Harper.

Pirates General Manager Harding "Pete" Peterson said he is still seeking Commissioner Peter Ueberroth's permission to trade for a second power-hitter. New York Yankees outfielder Steve Kemp — in a deal that would bring Kemp and shortstop Tim Lincecum to Pittsburgh for Pirates shortstop Dale Berra and minor league outfielder Jay Buhner. "This is what we're looking for — Hendrick's a proven power-hitter. And maybe we can still do more,"



GEORGE HENDRICK
Hit .277 last year

Peterson said. "We always said we were strong in pitching and we can afford to give up a pitcher or two." Hendrick, 35, batted .277 with 19 home runs and 69 runs batted in during 120 games for the Cardinals last season. He was sidelined for most of the final month of the season after a small, benign tumor was surgically removed from his thyroid gland.

Hendrick, a four-time All-Star who bats "right-handed" and plays "right field," has a lifetime average of .283 in 13 seasons with the Oakland A's, Cleveland Indians, San Diego Padres and the Cardinals.

Peterson said he may "casually" ask Hendrick next season to reconsider his long-standing policy of not talking with the press. The Pirates drew only 773,500 fans last year, worst in the National League, and are up for sale.

The Cards receive Tudor, 30, who had a 12-11 record and a 3.27 ERA in 32 starts for the Pirates last season. He was acquired last December in a deal that sent outfielder Mike Easler to the Boston Red Sox.

"In Tudor, we are getting a good, solid, left-handed starter," said Cards General Manager Joe McDonald. "He was in 121 last season with a most place hallicut and his hits-to-innings-pitched and strikeouts-to-bases-on-balls ratios were impressive."

To keep the Cardinals' winter roster at 40, McDonald said catcher Mike Lavalliere has been designated for assignment. Lavalliere was acquired from the Philadelphia Phillies last week for a player to be named later.

The Cards also receive Harper, 25, who batted .259 with two home runs and 11 RBIs in 46 games last season.



JOHN TUDOR
12-11 for Pittsburgh

The Pirates obtained Harper in a December 1981 trade with the California Angels for Foli.

The Cards also gave up Steve Barnard, 23, who was assigned to the Pirates' Class A team in Macon, Ga. A switch-hitter obtained in the June free-agent draft, Barnard batted .317 with six home runs and 45 RBIs in 74 games with the Cards' Class A team in Erie.

A trade that would have brought Kemp from the Yankees and sent Yogi Berra's son, Dale, to New York was halted by Ueberroth because the Yankees were going to "spend more than baseball's maximum of \$400,000 on the transaction."

The Pirates were to receive the money from the Yankees, who were to pay Kemp \$600,000 in deferred payments under his contract. Ueberroth told the clubs to restructure the deal.

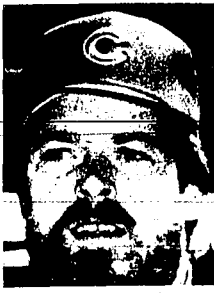
San Diego raises Sutcliffe ante with 5-year, \$9 million offer

By BOB SPRINGER
The Associated Press

PEORIA, Ill. — National League Cy Young Award-winner Rick Sutcliffe, in the midst of a heated bidding war that could make the Chicago Cubs baseball's highest-paid pitcher, helped raise money Wednesday for a local Catholic high school.

But Sutcliffe, whose free-agent status has drawn bids from four teams — reportedly including a \$9 million, five-year offer from the San Diego Padres — indicated before hitting town that he would not discuss contract negotiations.

Sutcliffe was the featured attraction at a \$20-a-plate banquet to raise money for Spaulding High School, one of Peoria's two Catholic high schools. He said Tuesday he was "still shooting for the end of this week to make a decision" on which team he'll



RICK SUTCLIFFE
Four teams in running

pled for in the 1985 season. "This is no fun," he said of the high-stakes bidding in an interview with the Chicago Tribune, which owns the Cubs, from his home in Lee's Summit, Mo.

Barry Axelrod, Sutcliffe's agent, said four teams are seeking the 1984 season 20-game winner, who was 16-1 with the Cubs after a June 13 trade by the Cleveland Indians, propelled Chicago to the National League East Division title and its first Wrigley Field championship in 39 years.

Sutcliffe won the home opener in Chicago's National League pennant series against San Diego, but lost the fifth and final game. Cubs General Manager Dallas Green has said Chicago would not be outbid for Sutcliffe. The right-hander also has offers from the Atlanta Braves, Kansas City Royals and Padres, Axelrod said.

Despite a ground rule laid down by Axelrod and Sutcliffe last week that terms would be allowed only one "final" offer, the Padres boosted their bid Tuesday, reportedly to \$9 million spread over five years.

"The money is there from all four teams," Axelrod said. "He will certainly be the highest-paid starting pitcher in baseball and very possibly the highest-paid pitcher, period."

Sutcliffe told the Tribune there were other considerations besides money.

"The thing is, we're not asking for more money," he said. "We're just having a tough time getting the final proposals."

San Diego came to us last Thursday and didn't have all the information necessary," Sutcliffe said. "They let us know what range it would be in, but none of the specifics."

The newspaper said Sutcliffe's wife, Robin, is partial to Kansas City. "Robin would like a place for her horses" and other animals and a

chance to stay close to the family," Axelrod said. "But Rick has many more things that are important to him than Robin does."

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Pittsburgh mounts drive to keep Pirates

By PETER MATTIACE
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Mayor Richard S. Caliguiri called Wednesday for a city-wide effort to keep the Pirates in Pittsburgh and said three firms would provide free legal, accounting and public relations services to new owners who promised not to move the baseball team.

"You can tell me what more we can do," said of myself buying the team, I'll do that," Caliguiri said. "I would be less than candid if I didn't say, 'Well, certainly I'm concerned' — until I see somebody come forward with new ownership ... and someone people playing baseball."

Three Rivers Stadium, Caliguiri said.

Caliguiri's comments came just a day after reports surfaced that another Pennsylvania professional sports team, the National Football League's Philadelphia Eagles, may



to keep the Pirates in Pittsburgh.

"We're Pittsburghers, we're dedicated Pittsburghers and we have a vested interest in Pittsburgh," said Carl F. Barger, chairman of the local firm. "We believe the loss of the Pirates would have a significant, adverse impact on virtually every phase of the Pittsburgh community."

Fears about the Pirates' future arose last month when the John Galbreath family of Columbus, Ohio, the Pirates' principal owners since 1946, said it and partner Warner Communications would sell the team following a last-place season that cost them \$6 million.

The Pirates have lost money every year since 1971 despite two world championships and three divisional championships. Last season, the Pirates drew only 773,500 fans, lowest in the National League and second only in the majors to the Cleveland Indians.

Pittsburgh advertising man James

Roddey and real estate developer Edward Lewis publicly have offered to buy the team, but Roddey indicated Wednesday he and the Galbreaths are far apart on the price.

Roddey would not disclose the Galbreaths' asking price nor the amount his 10-member group planned to offer.

Asked if his group was "in the ballpark," Roddey said it was more "in the parking lot."

Oakley, now 4-0, dumps Minco JV

RUPERT — The No. 1-ranked Oakley Hornets kept up their winning ways Tuesday night by downing the Minco Jayvees 61-51 in a non-conference high school boys basketball game.

Senior Cory Woodhouse connected for 20 points while junior John Oldham grabbed 22 rebounds to put the Hornets at 4-0 on the season.

In contrast, Minco started off cold

Late Tuesday

and allowed Oakley to shoot to a 10-point first quarter lead. Spartan Shawn Bingham's 17 points weren't enough for a comeback.

"Oldham really had a wild night," said Minco Jayvee Coach Terry Johnson. "And Woodhouse — just him

being on the court makes the rest of their team play better."

The win improved Oakley's season record to 4-0.

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Colleges seek meeting on cheating

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A select group of university presidents is calling a special meeting of NCAA schools next summer in hopes of helping to "worsening and unacceptable" level of cheating in academics and recruiting in college athletic programs.

John Ryan, president of Indiana University and chairman of the 44-member commission, said the meeting is scheduled for June 20-21 in New Orleans and will deal with two broad areas: finances and institutional integrity.

In a copy of a letter obtained by The

Associated Press, Ryan tells college heads the commission "believes this effort can help to reverse a worsening and unacceptable condition in athletics — one that threatens to damage, perhaps permanently, a system that is a valuable part of higher education."

Ryan's letter also said the planned meeting was a "concerted effort to enhance the integrity of intercollegiate athletics."

Ryan said the commission, which is empowered to draw up legislation for submission to NCAA conventions, was spurred in part by an address last

fall by NCAA Executive Director Walter Byers.

"Walter told us that he is shocked at the widespread nature of some of these problems," Ryan said. He declined to be specific.

Byers said in an interview with the AP in September that he believed cheating occurs in as many as 30 percent of the upper-division schools and that he has begun to question the effectiveness of the NCAA's enforcement program.

Along with the cover letter, a confidential questionnaire will be mailed to more than 700 university chiefs.

Preps

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A-3 this week by the AP and 2-1, will host defending league champion Kimberly (also 2-1) Friday night at 8 o'clock in the conference opener for both teams. On Saturday, the Pilots are scheduled to host Buhl (2-3) at 8 in a non-conference game. On Sunday, Gooding, now 0-2 and ranked No. 5 by the AP, will open its league slate Friday night in Filer against the Wildcats (0-3 and 0-1). That's an 8 o'clock game. On Saturday, the Senators will entertain Challis (1-1) in a non-conference matchup.

Wood River (2-2) will host 3-4 Declo tonight at 8 in Halley to get the weekend's schedule under way, while Maranatha Christian School of Boise will visit 1-1 Gooding State at 5:30 and the Buhl junior varsity will take on 0-2 Carey in Carey at 8 p.m. Friday's slate has Valley (1-2) visiting Maranatha (2-2) for an 8 p.m. non-league game, while Buhl will open its South-Central Idaho Conference schedule at home against Mountain Home (0-3 and 0-1), also at 8. Jerome (3-1) will visit Minco (1-1) for an 8 o'clock non-conference contest in Rupert, while Wood River will

travel to Wendell (1-2) for another 8 p.m. non-league matchup. Shoshone (0-0) is scheduled to visit Hagerman (2-2) for a non-conference game at 8, while Ketchum/Sun Valley Community School (0-3 and 0-3) will open Carey's Northside league schedule in Carey at the same hour. Dietrich (1-2 and 0-1) and Richfield (0-1 and 0-1) will get together for a similar purpose in Richfield at 8.

On Saturday, Shoshone and Valley will start their Canyon schedules at 8 o'clock in Hazelton, while Filer is slated to play Wood River in Halley at 8.

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Philadelphia struggles to hang on to Eagles

By RALPH BERNSTEIN
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Mayor W. Wilson Goode said Wednesday the city hoped to offer Philadelphia Eagles owner Leonard Tose about \$42 million to keep the football team from moving to Phoenix.

The National Football League, meanwhile, has scheduled a special meeting in New York Tuesday to deal with the reported franchise shift.

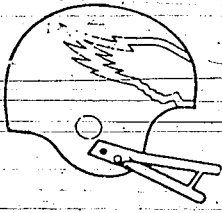
"I am greatly hopeful that in the next 24 hours we can work something out. We have in place enough of the facts to make an offer. It will take about \$42 million," Goode said at a news conference.

However, he said Tose has not agreed to halt negotiations with Phoenix until he sees what the city will offer.

Goode said he was not considering going to court at this time to keep the team from moving. "Right now we're using the carrot. The stick will not be seen," he said.

Goode said he met and talked with 75 people willing to invest money in the franchise. He said 25 of them were willing to buy the team outright.

"But Tose doesn't want that," he said.



The mayor said he had talked with all major banks and insurance companies, but he declined to be specific about any financial details other than to say his talks concerned a loan.

He said each day there is no agreement to keep the team here is a day lost.

"He (Tose) could announce tomorrow he is leaving town."

State Sen. Vincent Fumo, one of those working with Goode and his administration, said no agreement had been signed to transfer the club.

"We have been assured of that by Tose and his lawyers and we believe that," Fumo said, although published reports said that Tose had verbally

agreed to the Phoenix move.

"I don't think the Phoenix offer can be matched in dollars or anything else involved," Fumo said. "But we are trying to put together a package that will enable the Eagles to stay."

"I don't think we have to match the Phoenix offer and haven't been asked to," he said.

Fumo accompanied the mayor to the meeting with Tose and his daughter, club vice president Susan Fletcher. He said Eagles executives were receptive toward the city's efforts to keep the club here, but Fumo said he couldn't discuss the negotiations.

If the Eagles leave Philadelphia, which has hosted the team for 51 years, the city would be left without a pro-football team. The Stars, champions of the United States Football League, already have announced they will play this spring at College Park, Md., then head for Baltimore where they have a verbal agreement on use of the stadium.

The Stars moved because with the 1986 fall schedule arrangement they could not get a lease in Veterans Stadium here because of conflict with the Eagles and Phillies.

An Eagles spokesman confirmed Wednesday that Canadian businessman James Monahan, who

maintains a part-time residence in Phoenix, is the would-be purchaser of 25 percent of the team. Monahan reportedly would have a right to purchase the remainder of the stock at a later date. Tose owns 99 percent and Fletcher 1 percent.

"I understand Tose confirmed the deal," said Eddie Lynch, chairman of the Phoenix Metropolitan Sports Foundation. "My first reaction is sympathy for the Philadelphia fans, and secondly, I'm elated about them coming to Phoenix."

The Philadelphia Inquirer quoted Michael Gallagher, chairman of the mayor's Professional Sports Advisory Committee in Phoenix, as saying, "I'd say this move is done. I'm pleased we're going to have an NFL football team, but it's too bad that someone has to lose one for us to get one."

Gallagher, however, said Wednesday, his remarks were taken out of context and that he did not confirm any statement by Tose.

U.S. Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., said Tuesday the move is virtually assured, adding that plans call for an announcement Monday. The Eagles finish the 1984 season Sunday in Atlanta, and the Arizona Republic said the team was ready to move to

Phoenix within days after the finale.

"I have a very reliable source who says that that is going to happen," DeConcini said. "It'll be very surprising if the move doesn't take place."

The Eagles are supposed to use Sun Devil Stadium in suburban Tempe on the campus of Arizona State University. But Robert Huff, executive director of the Arizona State Board of Regents, said Wednesday the board had not received a formal proposal on leasing the stadium for the Eagles.

Huff said a proposal could still be offered before the scheduled meeting this Friday and Saturday.

The regents' approval is needed for the Eagles to be 100 percent sure they would have a place to play in Phoenix.

But Huff said such a reassurance could also be given informally "in a handshake sort of way" before the board votes. He added that if the regents do not vote on a proposal this week, they could "call a special meeting later."

In Washington, Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who has held Eagles' season tickets since 1958, vowed to reintroduce when Congress reconvenes legislation limiting the transfer of professional football teams.

Specter introduced a similar bill last year. It was approved by the

Senate Commerce Committee but did not reach the Senate floor.

Specter said the teams should not be allowed to move unless they cannot survive as a profitable business.

The Eagles are a profitable business and the move to Phoenix is contemplated to help Tose alleviate the reported \$40 million personal debt.

Specter also said that NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle told him that he had convened a meeting of owners on Tuesday, spurred by the Eagles' situation.

According to Specter, Rozelle specifically said he didn't want the Eagles to leave Philadelphia, the nation's fifth largest city and fourth leading television market.

Later Wednesday, the NFL issued a statement in New York saying: "Commissioner Rozelle advised Sen. Specter this morning that the league office has heard nothing from the Eagles' management about a possible team move."

"With the increasingly definitive media reports about an imminent move, Commissioner Rozelle wanted Sen. Specter to know that the league is deeply concerned and that he has scheduled a special meeting on the matter for next Tuesday."

Dolphins, Raiders dominate picks for AFC Pro Bowl squad

NEW YORK (AP) — Dan Marino, who has shattered one National Football League passing record and is poised to break another, was one of eight members of the Miami Dolphins named Wednesday to the AFC Pro Bowl squad.

Marino, who broke one NFL single-season record with his 44 touchdown passes and is only 50 yards short of the single-season yardage mark with one game left, was one of three unanimous choices on the AFC team for the Pro Bowl. The game will be played Jan. 27 at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu.

The others were Marcus Allen of the Los Angeles Raiders, who also placed eight players on the team, and safety Kenny Easley of the Seattle Seahawks, who had seven.

Marino and Allen are joined as starters in the backfield by running back Freeman McNeil of the New York Jets.

Other offensive starters include wide receivers Mark Duper of Miami and John Stallworth of Pittsburgh; Anthony Maxwell of Cincinnati; and Brian Hoyer of New England; guards John Hannah of New England and Ed Newman of Miami; and center Dwight Stephenson of Miami.

The defensive starters are ends Howie Long of the Raiders and Mark Gastineau of the New York Jets; tackle Joe Nash of Seattle; linebackers Rod Martin of the Raiders; Mike Merrivether and Robin Cole of Pittsburgh; and Steve Nelson of New England; cornerbacks Mike Haynes and Lester Hayes and



DAN MARINO
One of eight Dolphins



MARCUS ALLEN
Unanimous choice

safety Vann McElroy of the Raiders. The team was chosen by a vote of each of the AFC's 14 coaches and the NFL Players Association members on each of the team. Each team's vote was counted as two units — the coaches as one, the players as another.

Other members of the squad are quarterback Dave Krieg of the Seahawks; running backs Earnest Jackson of San Diego and Sammy Winder of Denver; tackle Henry Lawrence of the Raiders; guard Mike Munchak of Houston; center Mike Webster of Pittsburgh; tight end Todd Christensen of the Raiders; defensive

end Art Still of Kansas City; nose tackle Bob Bumgarner of Miami; linebackers Andre Tippett of New England and A.J. Duhe of Miami; cornerback Dave Brown of Seattle and safety Deron Cherry of Kansas City.

The team also includes for the first time a designated special teams player — Fred Young of the Seahawks; Reggie Roby of Miami is the punter. Norm Johnson of the Seahawks is the place-kicker and Louis Lipps of Pittsburgh the kick returner. Lipps is the only rookie on the team, which lists players from every AFC team except the Buffalo Bills and Indianapolis Colts.

Colts.

NEW YORK (AP) — The American Football Conference squad for the 1985 AFC Pro Bowl, which will be played Sunday, Jan. 27, 1985 at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu, Hawaii (x-denotes starter):

American Football Conference
Wide receivers — Mark Duper, Miami; John Stallworth, Pittsburgh; Steve Largent, Seattle; Mark Clayton, Miami.
Tackles — Anthony Munoz, Cincinnati; Brian Holloway, New England; Henry Lawrence, Los Angeles Raiders.
Guards — John Hannah, New England; Ed Newman, Miami; Mike Munchak, Houston.
Center — Dwight Stephenson, Miami; Mike Webster, Pittsburgh.

Tight ends — Odele Newsum, Cleveland; Todd Christensen, Los Angeles Raiders.
Quarterbacks — Dan Marino, Miami; Dave Krieg, Seattle.
Running backs — Marcus Allen, Los Angeles Raiders; Freeman McNeil, New York Jets; Ernest Jackson, San Diego; Sammy Winder, Denver.

Defense
Ends — Mark Gastineau, New York Jets; Howie Long, Los Angeles Raiders; Art Still, Kansas City.
Tackles — Joe Nash, Seattle; Rob Baumhower, Miami.
Outside linebackers — Rod Martin, Los Angeles Raiders; Mike Merrivether, Pittsburgh; Andre Tippett, New England.
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Cornerbacks — Mike Haynes, Los Angeles Raiders; Lester Hayes, Los Angeles Raiders; Dave Brown, Seattle.
Safeties — Kenny Easley, Seattle; Vann Fritzy, Los Angeles Raiders; Deron Cherry, Kansas City.

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Pritzker clan moves to buy Saints team

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A solid proposal to buy the New Orleans Saints has been handed to owner John Mecom Jr. and involves a price that may be more than the team is worth in one respect but not in another, Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards said Wednesday.

Edwards said he is determined to do whatever he can to keep the team in New Orleans.

The proposal involves the wealthy Pritzker family of Chicago and some Louisiana businessmen also may get involved, Edwards said.

"As of now there is a proposal in its possession which I think is a very reasonable one. . . . If it is acceptable to the owners of the New Orleans Saints I think we can get it worked out in a matter of a couple of weeks," Edwards said at a news conference at the Governor's Mansion.

Thomas C. Thompson, the man Mecom put in charge of handling negotiations for the sale of the National Football League team, was out of his office and unavailable for comment.

Mecom has said he wants \$75 million for the team that hasn't had a winning season in its 18 years of existence.

Edwards met last week with 88-year-old A. N. Pritzker, the patriarch of the family, to discuss the deal.

Edwards, who refused to disclose the dollars involved, said at the news conference "we are waiting for a response" and added:

"The proposal involves the family, the Hyatt hotel chain that now operates the dome and has a hotel near the dome and who can afford to pay more for this team than it may be worth, because of the potential benefits they would be getting from the location of the Saints in the dome. It also involves to a limited extent the possibility of private citizens and or governments supporting the proposal."

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Transplantings won't be used to aid Idaho wolf recovery



The wolf may again become a viable Idaho resident

By LARRY HOVEY
Times-News writer

—BOISE— If wolves resume their historic niche in Idaho's ecosystem, it will be nature's doing.

Man might provide a couple of steps that solidify the habitat requirements to support a bonded pair and/or pack society that would indicate full re-establishment of a wolf population. But a major point of the Northern Rockies Wolf Recovery project is that no wolves will be translocated (trapped elsewhere and moved) into Idaho or northwestern Montana.

Still to be answered is the question of whether wolves should be reintroduced into Yellowstone Park. While the park was part of the animals' historic range, its distance from established populations is too great to expect natural replenishment. If wolves are to be returned to Yellowstone, it would have to be through trapping and transplanting.

Those apparently reign as the major points in the current revision of the Northern Rockies plan that currently is being revised by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and its associated state and regional members, such as the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Forest Service, etc.

The recovery plan first was introduced in 1980 with broad parameters, which largely consisted of identifying possible wolf habitat, putting together the interested state and federal agencies into a recovery team establishing possible long-term goals.

The 1984-85 revision will move toward more specific detail.

The revised edition, based on the findings of several studies con-

ducted by biologists over the past four years and public and inter-agency input, currently is undergoing review at the Denver regional office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which is the lead office for Northern Rockies Mountain Wolf Recovery.

A rather long processing awaits the plan. Denver will pass it to the Washington, D.C., level when it has completed its final review. From Washington, the revised plan will go to the various cooperating agencies and in another step will then be disseminated to various outside interests such as livestock, recreation and sportsmen's organizations. Public hearings will be held throughout the affected areas and only after that will final decisions be reached.

Since the wolf is considered an endangered species, its well-being, by act of Congress, is the responsibility of the federal government, meaning the USFWS.

Idaho Fish & Game is part of the recovery team, but its participation is largely reduced to suggestions. However, it also has jurisdiction over a very large wilderness that is considered good wolf habitat.

Idaho participated in a two-year study undertaken by Timm Kaminski to study the state's habitat. The state's contribution consisted of money provided under Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act. Those funds were provided by the federal government originally, so no department generated funds were used.

In two years of backpacking and studying Idaho's wilderness area, Kaminski substantiated the belief that Idaho had the "prey" base to

support wolves. He also discovered there had been some killing of wolves by northern Idaho residents, deeds he "determined" were by "people who genuinely fear for the safety of themselves."

Martel Morache, a department employee who is working with the recovery team, said Kaminski's preliminary findings were not surprising.

"We knew the wolves were already there, drifting in from Canada. Mostly they are loners coming down the forested areas along the boundary between Idaho and Montana. We estimate there are 12-15 wolves in the state," Morache said.

"What we are trying to establish is whether the area is capable of handling a recovery. You have to have a prey base to feed the wolves and we know we have them, deer, elk, moose, beaver, the basic group. We're not sure if we have the other requirements like adequate denning areas, rendezvous areas — the things needed to support pair bonding and pack formation. That has not occurred to our knowledge in this state."

"There is decided concern about the direction the recovery of wolves take from the standpoint of livestock interests, particularly woolgrowers," he added.

Concerning the possibility of overpopulation that would infringe on both livestock and wildlife herds, Morache said "one of the easiest things in the world is to trap a wolf. Controlling large predators is not that difficult."

Jay Gore, who is working in the recovery study out of the USFWS Boise office, said it was much too early to get into such speculation.

He noted the revised plan still has four major procedural steps to accomplish before the first final decision is made.

However, he remains certain that the exclusion of transplanting wolves into Idaho and the Glacier Park area in northwestern Montana will be maintained. He anticipates the possibility of re-introducing the species into Yellowstone will attract considerable controversy.

"There are no wolves that we know of in Yellowstone now," Gore said. "We had reports of sightings in the 1960s but nothing since 1974-75. The plan does address that fact that if wolves are going to get to Yellowstone, they will have to be translocated. That is one of the more controversial parts of the plan right now."

While that could be the more visible portion of the revision, Gore said, "inter-agency agreement isn't a foregone conclusion."

"One of the major schedule of activities is discovering what needs to be done to reduce the limiting factors on wolf habitat," he said. "These studies are designed to find those factors and these are presented to the participating state and federal agencies to see if they have the facilities to implement changes that would reduce or eliminate them."

The pervasive climate within the recovery team is one of careful management with a modest goal of returning a small, viable wolf population in remote areas, keeping it trimmed to the point of minor impact on the wildlife herds and none on livestock. Yet, enough that a couple of states can claim a return of wolves to historic ranges, if only in isolated niches.

In Humane Society challenge

Refuge hunting to be tested in court

By BILL SCHULZ
Associated Press Writer

Hunting and conservation groups are gearing up for a fight with the Humane Society of the United States, which has sued to block all hunting on 244 wildlife refuges.

"If they win, it could create a dangerous precedent relative to the sportsman's use of public lands—it also means that the Humane Society is in for one heckuva fight," said Rick Story, director of communications for the Wildlife Legislative Fund.

He said his group planned to intervene in the suit.

Lynn Greenwalt of the National Wildlife Federation said the big loser would be the average hunter.

"Clearly—the exclusion—of these lands from hunting would have a profound impact on the opportunity for

the non-affiliated hunter, who doesn't belong to a club," Greenwalt said. "The refuges represent the last opportunity for the public hunter to go to public land and spend some time in the field and come home with something in his bag."

The refuges involved in the suit are those on which hunting is currently allowed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Dr. John Grandy, vice president for wildlife and environment of the Humane Society of the United States, announced filing of the suit in federal court in Washington Nov. 29.

"The refuges that have been opened to hunting have been transformed from inviolate wildlife preserves to hunting grounds," said Grandy, whose group is not to be confused with the American Humane Society. "There should be no place for sport hunting

on refuges — they are havens for wildlife, not public hunting grounds. This suit is aimed at restoring integrity to the management of wildlife on our national refuges."

The refuge system was established in 1903, but there was no continuous source of funding for it until the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, known as the duck stamp, was authorized in 1934. Since then, waterfowl hunters, who must buy the stamp each year, have paid \$256 million to support the refuge system.

Walt Stieglitz, assistant manager of the refuge system, said that the courts have confirmed, in other actions filed by the Humane Society of the United States, that hunting "was a valid and legal form of public recreation on these refuges."

If deer hunting were banned on a typical refuge where it now is allow-

ed, "the herd would continue to increase to where it would exceed the carrying capacity of the land. It would overharvest the browse, the health of the herd would deteriorate, the habitat would be damaged and ultimately you would have a dieoff as disease and starvation took their toll," he said.

The suit has great potential for destruction of the refuges, said the wildlife federation's Greenwalt.

"It's clear to me if these refuges were closed to hunting as a recreational activity, they could be closed to other recreational activities," he said. "The origin of the refuges has been with the hunter. But without the support of the hunter and the general refuge user you're not going to maintain the support of the general refuge system, the units needed to maintain these areas."

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Spread of disease among bighorns is latest Idaho worry

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Idaho's chief bighorn sheep biologist is suggesting that the Fish and Game Department shoot any additional sick bighorn sheep in Hells Canyon to prevent the spread of disease.

Fish and Game biologist Dale Towell said tissue and blood samples from three ewes taken from the canyon last month, though not conclusive, indicate the existence of a serious disease complex among the herd.

Towell said that with bighorn sheep being highly social animals, the diseases could spread rapidly if sick sheep are not eliminated from the herd.

Although state officials from the Northwest along with federal investigators are still looking into the recent sheep deaths, Towell said tests so far confirm the presence of shipping fever and climidia.

Shipping fever is common in domestic sheep and not dangerous but it is deadly to bighorns. Climidia causes spontaneous abortions, weight loss and other systems and is similar to another disease that biologists had originally thought responsible for the bighorn deaths.

Towell said the state could try to inoculate the bighorns in the canyon against shipping fever, but it would be expensive and time consuming.

He also pointed out that treatment of the sheep might be impossible since much of the range is designated wilderness in which management of game is prohibited.

Forest Service officials have indicated a reluctance to approve any treatment program in that area in view of the policy banning game management.

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Preliminary results from the tests showed moderate to heavy loads of lungworm, along with several associated parasites, six types of bacteria and two viruses, Towell said.

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All wearing big hats aren't cowboys

Everyone has heard about separating the men from the boys. But around Glenns Ferry, they're still talking about the pack trip that separated the farmers from the cowboys.

By special arrangement with one of the victims of the pack trip, no names will be used in this column in a futile attempt to protect the guilty.

As I understand the tale, it all begins with several farmers who wore cowboy hats while they drank coffee together back in 1982.

Certain liquids have varying affects on a man whose mind is under the control of a cowboy hat. Coffee makes him talk like a packer, beer like a buckaroo and whiskey turns him into a wild bull rider.

As the coffee klatch progressed, it turned out that all six coffee drinkers were expert elk hunters and experienced packers.

Someone suggested they pack into the wilderness together and hunt elk. After all, with so many experienced guides in the party, what could possibly go wrong?

Only one obstacle stood in their way: As it turned out, only one of the packers currently owned a horse.

No problem—Glenns Ferry is full of unemployed horses with trusting owners.

The same went for tack—even packsaddles and panniers could be had for a smile and a promise, for the most part.

And as the story goes, a string of borrowed horses, some represented as broken, were loaded on a converted sugar beet truck and hauled into Little Queens on the upper Boise River drainage.

One hunter's German shepherd went along for the ride.

Things went well until it came time to actually load the horses with hunting gear.

One unfortunate nag was chosen to be loaded with canned goods, frying pans and other kitchen gear.

Ordinarily, such noisy loads are padded to avoid horse-spooking noises.

But the experienced packers felt that such niceties could be omitted when dealing with a well-broken pack horse such as the one they'd borrowed.

Everything was fine until the kitchen horse was loaded. Unluckily, he stepped forward, jarr-



Mike Harrop
Outdoors

ing the load which delivered a mild clank. It wasn't much of a noise, just enough to convince the hay-burner that someone was unloading a truckload of rocks on his back.

Naturally, the nag did what horses do best—he broke loose and ran away.

As he gathered speed, the pans and cans began to ricochet around inside the panniers, increasing the roar to something slightly less than a jet plane breaking the sound barrier while towing a 60-foot fir tree.

Meanwhile, the packhorse made a quarter-mile circuit around a clearing that would have made Neve Dancer hang his head in shame.

Caught up in the spirit of the moment, the saddle horses unloaded their riders just as the German shepherd attempted to catch the erring packhorse—no doubt to prevent any further injuries to the animal.

The pack nag cut into a stand of thick trees to escape the barking dog, and learned that the sound of panniers exploding against trees was almost equal to gunshots going off next to his ears.

Luckily for everyone, the cinch broke before the horse ran to death.

When the exhausted horse finally stopped, the pieces were gathered and rigged back together. The packers left to set up the high camp, leaving one of them behind to set up a base camp and cook supper.

The trip in and out was comparatively uneventful, and the party was unusually silent, being thankful for having thought to bring such a well-trained horse and such a valuable, thoughtful dog.

On the return to base camp, the packers found that many other hunters had moved into the area during the day.

Their camp cook was sitting at someone else's fire, where a bottle was making regular rounds. Dinner was the enders in the pans at their own camp.

Word spreads rapidly in a hunting camp, and the next morning, 20 or so hunters gathered to witness the wondrous methods of packing developed by the Glenns Ferry bunch.

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Parasites, disease limit bighorn sheep future



Fledgling California condors such as this one will be visible only in state incubator stations under a new state ruling

California places entire condor egg production under incubator project

By GEORGE RAMOS
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LOS ANGELES — Over the objections of naturalists, the California State Fish and Game Commission has broadened the scope of its preservation program to save the rare California condor, allowing the taking of virtually every egg produced in the wild for rearing in captivity.

The action, taken at the commission's meeting here, is part of a coordinated effort sanctioned by the commission, which has jurisdiction over the rare giant birds, to ensure the condors' survival by creating a captive flock that can produce eggs and allowing those chicks to be returned to their natural environment.

For the past several years, despite growing opposition from the Sierra Club, the Friends of the Earth and other naturalists, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other groups have been allowed to take two of the three eggs usually produced in a female condor's lifetime for hatching and rearing in captivity.

The commission's action Thursday

allows federal and state researchers to also take the third egg. There are 16 condors — including five mating pairs — in their preserve north of Los Angeles. The researchers keep track of the condors' living habits and movements by observation and special transmitters attached to the birds.

The chicks born in captivity, including the ones transferred Tuesday to a restricted area of the Los Angeles Zoo, are nurtured in an atmosphere that prohibits as much human contact as possible before they are released into California's condor preserve area. When three of the Los Angeles Zoo chicks are released, they will be the first California condors hatched in captivity to be returned to their natural environment.

The condors' dwindling numbers from more than 100 in the 1940s has forced state and federal authorities and naturalists to argue over the best way to save the birds.

The taking of virtually every egg produced in the wild — except for the second and third eggs produced by one pair of condors living in Ventura County — is the best way to "max-

imum the number of birds available for release and to reduce the elapsed time before the captive flock is fully established and producing young," said J. Michael Scott, director of the federal Condor Research Center in Ventura.

Condors, according to studies, usually produce one egg every two years because it takes that long for a pair to properly rear a chick.

The taking of eggs for artificial incubation at the San Diego Wild Animal Park, which is part of the San Diego Zoo, should speed up that reproduction process, perhaps inducing the pair to produce another egg the following year, Scott said.

"Survival of eggs and young has been much greater in the captive birds than in the wild ones," said a report prepared by Scott. "Thus the strategy of captive rearing and release should result in a much greater number of condors than if condors are allowed to reproduce naturally."

But spokesmen for the Sierra Club and Friends of the Earth argued, in effect, that further human intrusion into the condors' environment could

doom the birds, which have a nine-foot wingspan.

"The whole question is whether captive-raised chicks can survive in the wild," said Leslie Reid, spokesman for the Sierra Club's condor task force. "They're asking the birds to continue to produce eggs without regard to the health of the female. Forcing the eggs may have a traumatic effect on the female."

"Pardon the pun, but I think they'll be putting the eggs all in one basket," While Scott and others point to the success of such a program in saving the rare Andean condor, Reid said the record of success is not entirely clear. Four of 11 Andean chicks died after being released in South America, Reid said.

Added Jerry Emory, spokesman for the Friends of the Earth, "We believe — adopting — this proposal amounts to a further 'blank check' to remove all wild condor production to build a captive flock at the expense of the wild condor population."

Friends of the Earth, he said, favors putting limits on the number of eggs taken — one per condor couple — and having the condors kept in captivity.

New snow hikes stress conditions for area big game

By LARRY HOVEY
Times-News writer

JEROME — Although the effect of a general snowfall Tuesday night remains unassessed, winter conditions already had continued to pressure Magic Valley's big game animals in the past week.

Craig-Kvale, Region 4 wildlife manager, said the major degradation complaints continue to stem from the Bliss-King Hill area where large numbers of deer are moving into haystacks. The newest elk complaints came from the Bellevue-Picabo area, he said.

The latest "snowstorm" apparently focused more on the central and south portion of the region as the northern high country picked up only an inch or two of new snow. However, the northern area was hit with about a 12-inch snowfall over the weekend and for wildlife purposes, that area now is in mid-winter stress.

The new snow probably will put the Snowville feedlot into operation. A check by biologist Randy Smith Monday indicated there was little activity south of the fence, which the department erected to keep Idaho deer from wandering across the Utah line.

"There was quite a bit of deer activity north of the fence but still north of the feed lots," Kvale said. "There were about four inches of snow at that time."

He said another inspection of the area will be made to determine if the feeding operation should begin.

Another inspection Monday indicated that the deer that pulled off the Picabo Hills 10 days ago apparent-

ly have stayed in the big desert bounded by U.S. 93 on the west and State 24 on the south.

"Only a very small number of deer are still in the hills," Kvale said. "and we're hoping the deer find enough to eat in the northern desert to keep them there."

That herd migrated south last winter and caused depredation on plants from landowners in eastern Jerome and western Blaine counties. It is suspected that a number of deer remained in the area due to the number of sightings reported over the spring and summer.

The north Eden-Hazelton area had a large number of landowner complaints last winter.

Kvale said the elk feeding put into operation a week ago on the permanent sites on the Boise River South Fork and Camas Prairie have run smoothly. Counts indicate that the elk had pretty well pulled off the mountains and onto the sites before any major snow problems arose.

The early winter is providing a bit of a boon for the department in that the herds have become concentrated on winter range.

Kvale said herd composition counts on both side of the river will be conducted next week — weather and access allowing.

"All the counts will be made from the ground this year, primarily because we don't have any flying money to speak of," he said.

The composition counts, which include sex, aging and fawn-to-deer ratios, are important parts of deer management planning.

Elk harvest up, deer down in Idaho

BOISE — Big game check station results in 1984 showed a general increase in the number of elk taken and in hunter success. Department of Fish and Game records show.

The report prepared for the Fish and Game Commission also listed increases in the harvest of white-tailed deer in two northern Idaho regions.

Check stations reported decreases, however, in the number of mule deer taken and in hunter success statewide. Regulations prohibiting either-sex mule deer hunting in southern Idaho, plus early snowstorms that wiped out some either-sex mule deer controlled hunts were the reasons for a major portion

of the declines, the report said.

Regions 1 and 2 showed increases both in elk hunter numbers and harvest with an average success rate of 9.1 percent compared to 8.7 percent in 1983.

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Americans spend fortune to feed birds

By BILL SCHULZ
Associated Press Writer

Americans spend more than \$550 million on bird feeders and bird seed last year, hoping to bring a little bit of wildlife close to a window.

Success in feeding depends on the type of feed you use and the way it is presented to the birds, David Klingner of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Washington said.

"A good feeder would have a number of different feeding holes to allow a maximum number of birds to feed at the same time, should or snow the seed protection from rain or snow and should be hung in such a way the neighborhood can't use it as bait for bird hunting," he said.

Most commercial bird feeders cost \$10 and up. But Fish and Wildlife Service biologists Alex Knight and Willard M. Spaulding Jr. have come up with two almost anyone can build

at home for about \$1, using two-liter soft-drink bottles.

First, clean the bottles and remove the labels.

To make a sunflower-seed feeder, which will draw chickadees, nuthatches and cardinals, you need three bottles, a seven-inch dessert topping lid, a baby food jar lid, some wire fishing line and a small sheet metal screw.

Using a coping saw, cut straight down through the screw-top of the bottle to the collar, then cut across the top of the collar to remove half the screw top. Throw out the small piece.

Then, cutting from the same side as the previous cut, use a knife or razor blade to cut below the collar, halfway through the bottle. Then cut down the bottle about two inches to create a shoe-horn-shaped piece attached to the collar and half of the screw top.

Then cut another piece like it from a second bottle. Two pieces will serve

as the feeding stations, with the screw top of the bottle preventing the seed from spilling out.

Mark the top of the plastic base on the third bottle, then remove the base. Cut or drill two one-inch holes opposite each other just below those marks. Using glue or sealant, glue the two pieces of the bottle tops into those holes — with the shoe-horn-shaped flanges up.

Then drill or punch a small hole through the baby food jar lid, the dessert topping lid and the bottom of the bottle and screw the two lids to the bottle, with the baby food jar lid on the bottom. That makes a shelf on which birds can stand while dining.

Drill or punch two holes through the bottle top for the fish line or wire used to hang it, fill it with sunflower seeds and hang outdoors.

You can make this a three- or four-hole feeder by adding more feeding stations around the base of the bottle.

To make a thistle seed feeder, popular with goldfinches, wild canaries and redpoll, you need one bottle; three or four three-sixteenths-inch dowels about 5 inches long, more wire or fishing line and a screw eye.

This bottle will hang upside down. Make two or three sets of two cuts or small holes opposite each other on the sides of the bottle. Shove the dowels through the holes to serve as perches. Be sure the perches go through the bottle in different directions — they should not be parallel.

About an inch below each perch, make cut one-quarter inch long by one-eighth inch wide cut to serve as a feeding hole. Don't make these holes too big or seed will spill out.

Punch a small hole in the bottom of the bottle and screw in the eye. Fill the bottle with seed, screw on the cap, tie the fish line to the screw eye and hang up your feeder.

Pot becomes major public land crop

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — More than \$21 million worth of marijuana was found on Forest Service land this year in the region.

"This year's haul from the federal forests in Montana, northern Idaho and small parts of the Dakotas was \$5 million more than the street value of marijuana plants discovered last year, said Tom King of Missoula, regional Forest Service special agent.

King, one of five law enforcement agents employed by the Forest Service in the 23-million-acre region, said "what was not already harvested was eradicated by Forest Service officers and local and county law enforcement officials," King said.

"He said the total value was figured on a street value of \$2,000-\$3,000 per marijuana plant."

This year also marked the first time someone on national forest land in the region was driven away at gunpoint by a marijuana grower, King said.

In early spring, a horn hunter in the Nez Perce National Forest happened to stumble on two men in the process of establishing an irrigation system for about 50 plants," said Mike Merkle, another special agent for the agency.

"One of the men drew a gun and threatened that if the horn hunter told anyone, he would come and kill him. The person did not notify authorities," Merkle said.

"I have a gut feeling that if the marijuana growers in northern California realize they're going to get

a lot of pressure from lawmen, they may head for this country."

"We want to get a reputation that we will react to small growers so that the big growers won't move in," Merkle said.

Aerial detection has failed in the region because marijuana growers have become too secretive, King said. Instead of planting a crop in large "plantations," most growers are planting one or two plants at a time under large trees, he said.

Lolo National Forest in Missoula County reported the most sightings, with plants valued at \$2 million, he said. Marijuana plants also were found in Kootenai, Helena, Deerledge and Bitterroot national forests in Montana.

In September, two teen-agers were arrested in Missoula County for the cultivation and possession of 81 marijuana plants in Lolo National Forest. A hiker in the forest spotted the plants growing under a large plastic sheet and notified authorities, King said.

State, federal and county law enforcement officials spent more time in surveillance, investigation and eradication of marijuana plants this year than they did last year, King reported.

Officers from county sheriffs' departments put in 800 days this year, while state officers, including Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks officials, worked 600 days. Federal officials, including Forest Service and FBI employees, put in 325

days, King said.

The year-end report on marijuana findings on Forest Service lands is

finished now because the marijuana growing season ends about the beginning of October, King said.

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Hunters help more ducks than they kill

As carried in this week's outdoor section, hunting in North America again is coming under attack from the animals' lovers of the country.

Federal courts will be asked to prohibit all hunting on the various U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-supported refuges throughout the nation.

You're basically talking migratory waterfowl in this and it isn't hard to understand the thinking behind the suit — if it's a refuge, it should be closed to all hunting.

But seldom does one come across a situation where "cross purposes" fit more exactly than here.

The question is simple: just where does the money for managing, developing and operating these refuges come from?

It ain't from the do-gooders, sweetheart. It's from the users — the hunters, the very ones the suit seeks to deny. It should also be pointed out here that environmentalists aren't always hunters nor hunters always environmentalists.

So the situation is exactly this: without the hunters, everything the humane societies and the environmentalists desire is just about a cinch to be lost.

The country is full of hunters who simply don't give a hang about the other aspects that the aforementioned groups hold dear. Take away their hunting right and the vast majority of hunters would get into something else and wouldn't care less if the ecosystems go to pot. Therefore, the strongest political base the environmentalists and animal lovers have is found in the hunting public.

The hunting numbers and clout simply reinforce all the preservation projects in the voting booth and public opinion polls. But they are not necessarily agreeing on these issues for the same reasons.

The more telling, however, is the matter of money. Organizations like Nature Conservancy can do wonderful things in the way of securing and preserving natural recreational assets.

But all of those groups don't come close to spending a fraction of the funds that the federal duck stamp and Ducks Unlimited — both supported by duck hunters almost exclusively — generate for perpetuation and preservation of wetlands.

Between the two groups, about \$600,000 has been spent in the last 50 years expressly for the production of ducks through wetland preservation and enhancement. Without the duck hunter, ducks wouldn't be a viable factor in anyone's life, including bird watchers.

Those wetlands, you further understand, are Godends for innumerable other wildlife species, birds and mammals.

There is much more to producing wildlife than building a dam and letting a pool form behind it. Someone has to tend the dam, keep vegetation from choking the waterway to the point of unsuitability, etc. All that takes money over and above the original capital outlay for the project proper.

Those who tend to slight the hunter-user support of wildlife need look no farther than current Idaho conditions for negative answers.

Consider the plight of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's finances right now. A three-percent cutback on expenditure that will stalemate many things that have to be done.

The opinion here is the shortfall in expected revenues can in large measure be laid at the door of the new "winter feeding" surtax that went on deer tags. You'll recall the department spent itself into poverty with a \$700,000 feeding program during last year's harsh winter. In answer, \$1.50 was added to the cost of each deer tag with the extra dough going into a special winter feeding fund. This has amounted to a feeding kitty of between \$300,000 and \$350,000 for this winter.

But deer tags and hunting license sales dropped 10 percent. Elk tags two percent. This indicates that despite the lofty goals of the added fee, the increase met with buyer resistance. The hunter who didn't want to pay the extra money for the tag, saved more by not buying a license.

In view of the down bird expectations, etc., it might be an oversimplification, but it has been proven repeatedly that when wildlife license, stamp and tag fees go, buyer resistance always takes two or three years before previous sales levels are recaptured.

What must be remembered is that in many areas, a couple of guys just don't decide to go hunting. In heavily populated areas and good hunting-spots, there is a preponderance of "hunting clubs" which monopolizes the best habitat through leasing or outright buying.

Since these "clubs" are expensive to join, the average guy's chances of hunting are relegated to public access areas. In many cases, this simply means a small corner of a federal refuge.

Take those meager opportunities away and there is an immediate reduction in the number of hunters and a corresponding drop in federal duck stamp revenues, state hunting license sales and contributions to Ducks Unlimited or other voluntary wildlife-oriented entities.

If hunting can be stopped on pieces of refuges, then it also can be terminated on national forest and BLM lands eventually. At that point, not only will wildlife populations plummet but that broad support the preservationists count on now to fight for roadless areas, stop clear-cutting, etc., will evaporate.

One thing is certain. Once something has been rendered unusable by man, its decline is assured. Just ask your nearest train conductor or village blacksmith.

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Sturgeon find life a little easier in Snake

By BILL LOFTUS
Lewisiston Morning Tribune
LEWISTON, Idaho (AP) — The white sturgeon in Hells Canyon find life easier these days than in the years before 1970, an Idaho Fish and Game Department study indicates.

Some 400 fish and three years after he began, Jim Lukens of the department says he is finding the sturgeon grow faster and appear to be in better condition. Losses, too, are less than in 1970 when another sturgeon study was done in the canyon.

The previous study came shortly after the Idaho Fish and Game Commission decided to allow only catch-and-release fishing for sturgeon in the Snake River.

The commission took that step after increasing fears about the sturgeon's ability to survive. The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, reacting to the same fears, banned sturgeon fishing entirely in the canyon.

The decline in sturgeon numbers generally is blamed on the construction of dams in the canyon and downstream. Easier access helped bring more fishing pressure to bear on the sturgeon as well.

By the time the Idaho commission took action, there was an alarming gap between fish too small to keep and those too large. The number of fish between the catchable limits of three and six feet was very small.

Small is not a word easily applied to the white sturgeon.

They are the largest fresh water fish in North America, with

weighing up to 1,800 pounds have been caught and a fish reputed to weigh 1,500 pounds was caught from the Snake near the turn of the century.

Sturgeon attract attention both because of their size and their rank as one of the most primitive of fishes.

During his three years of fishing in the canyon, Lukens, a principal fishery research biologist, has caught fish ranging from 18 inches to 9 feet, 2 inches. The big one weighed about 250 pounds.

On his last fishing trip into the canyon for the current study, Lukens and his aide, Bob Griswold, met at Pittsburg Landing for a day's fishing.

Moving upstream in a jetboat, Lukens seeks the familiar slots that often hold the great whites.

The summer held its share of frustrations for Lukens. Although rod and reel caught the nine-foot fish two summers before, the catch on that tackle has been small this year.

Instead, set lines have brought most of the sturgeon into the boat for measuring, marking and release. The preceding trip, however, produced an eight-footer, a fine fish weighing 201 pounds and weighing nearly as much as the project's largest catch, even though that fish was more than a foot longer.

Lukens stops at several holes, almost every one yielding a tap or two but no hookups. Shortly after the boat noses into the bank for another short hop, a good fish, maybe an eight-footer, takes the bait.

The fight starts with uncertainty as the 12-ounce sinker catches on the river's rocky bottom. Tugging by both fish and fisherman free it.

The fish powers out of the slot where it took the bass fillet as Lukens seats himself on the motor cover.

Feet braced and quaring his shoulder against the pull on the heavy boat rod, he pressures the fish into turning away from a run down and out of the hole.

As the 80-pound test braided Dacron fishing line finally arcs toward shore and away from the rapids, the line parts, the fight ends.

Lukens curses the loss, laying the blame on the hangup of the slot. The fish, he suggests, weakened the line by rubbing it over a rock while the sinker held it against the bottom.

There is no more action in that hole, and another move is made after 20 minutes.

It is afternoon before the next fish is hooked, this one tiring after a relatively short fight. It is a relatively small fish.

At 3 feet, 4 inches, it is a sturgeon that can give thanks to the catch-and-release fishing rule. It falls within the size limits for harvesting sturgeon in the past; its chances of survival before 1970 would have been small.

The proportion of fish between three and six feet have increased four times since that rule change, Lukens says, indicating it has helped boost the sturgeon population.

Working together, Lukens and Griswold take the fish aboard the boat to measure it, weigh it, and take part of a fin ray and mark it. The fish is both tattooed with indelible ink and swabbed with silver nitrate.

Although he originally believed tattooing the fish would mark them permanently, Lukens' work in the canyon has disproved that. The silver nitrate, which stains the fish's white skin brownish-black, may not work any better.

Lukens' sturgeon catch has been mostly smaller fish. Those less than three feet long have made up 80 percent of the catch, an encouraging fact because it shows sturgeon are reproducing in the canyon.

Will catch-and-keep sturgeon fishing ever return to the canyon? Lukens thinks it may not.

Comments received from sturgeon fishermen, often outfitters who take clients out to catch the giants, indicate many would rather see the fish returned to the river to fight again than be kept in a tank.

One unintended result of the study may be a reevaluation by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department of its own sturgeon fishing rules, which ban any fishing in that reach of the Snake.

"They've been waiting for documented proof that fishing will not be detrimental" to the fish, Lukens said.

With his sturgeon study winding down, Lukens is beginning to look forward to his new assignment: spending the next two years studying the other game fish in Hells Canyon.

Five plead guilty for trophy poaching

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Five of the defendants charged in last October's "Operation Trophy Kill" entered guilty pleas in U.S. District Court here Monday.

The five are among more than 30 people who were arrested in Montana and other western states at the conclusion of a two-year federal investigation that included an undercover taxidermy business in Colorado.

The investigation dealt with alleged illegal hunts for big game animals and the sale of parts from animals that were killed illegally.

Tom Williams, a resident of Alaska, pleaded guilty Monday to one count of selling a bighorn sheep cape and head. Judge James Battin fined Williams \$1,000 and placed him on probation for three years, during which Williams may not fish or hunt

for sport. However, Williams earns his living as a trapper and will be allowed to continue to trap.

Others entering guilty pleas Monday were:

—Michael Douglas Furtney, no address available, to one count of selling a bighorn sheep skull in violation of federal law.

—Timothy Glen Dauenhauer, Livingston, to one count of sale and interstate transportation of a bighorn sheep skull in violation of Montana and federal laws.

—And, Lloyd John Jole and Docla Pearson Jole, both of Townsend, to one count each of sale and interstate transportation of parts of three antelope in violation of Montana and federal laws.

Those four face potential sentences of one year in prison or a \$10,000 fine, or both. Battin set sentencing for the four for Jan. 10.

Soviets claim discovery of whole dinosaur egg

MOSCOW (DPA) — Soviet scientists have discovered a complete dinosaur egg and numerous eggshell fragments, estimated to be 105 million years old, in the Fergana Valley in Central Asia, the official Soviet press agency Tass reported Tuesday.

Tass said it was the first discovery of its kind in Eurasia.

—What we found is probably a unique hatchery of the prehistoric giants, who lived and procreated here

for several million years," Lev Nesov, the head of the archaeological expedition, said.

Tributaries limiting Pend Oreille fishery

SANDPOINT, Idaho (AP) — The tributary system of Lake Pend Oreille has been neglected and little is left, according to Idaho Fish and Game fisheries biologist Ned Horner.

"The key to the fishery lies in the health of its tributary system," Horner told the Panhandle Environmental League. "That system has been neglected. There's only a fraction left."

Besides the huge reduction of fish spawning ground caused by the construction of the Albeni Falls and Cabinet Gorge dams in the 1950s, many other factors eat away at fish habitat, Horner said Monday.

These include logging, and especially the associated road building; fluctuations of the lake level by dams, which leave many kokanee eggs "high and dry"; shoreline development and hunting activities that change the natural flow of streams; cattle grazing, considered by some to be the most serious threat to trout in the West; and poaching.

In its pristine condition a century ago, Horner said, the lake was

populated by westslope cutthroat, Dolly Varden, mountain whitefish and several non-game species.

"Then man came along," he said, "and things changed."

The system was complicated by the introduction of kokanee, karmloops, brown trout, brook trout, lake whitefish and other.

"Little things keep chipping away at existing habitat," he added.

The lake's fishery has never fully recovered from the 1966 attempt to introduce mysis shrimp to improve the kokanee population, he said.

The outlook for wild kokanee remains bleak, he said, but intensive efforts over the last decade to release young kokanee each July after the shrimp have migrated to the lake's lower depths have boosted kokanee numbers.

The situation should improve further with completion of the Cabinet Gorge fish hatchery in 1988.

The department now releases about 10 million kokanee annually and that figure could double when the new hatchery starts production, he added.



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Dozens of giant Canada geese have adopted reclaimed strip mines for their home in the Kentucky coal fields

In Kentucky's mining county

Canada geese thrive in reclaimed pits

By DAVID MCCORMICK
Associated Press Writer

CENTRAL CITY, Ky. (AP) — With coal shovels towering overhead and the earth trembling under trucks the size of locomotives, strip mines seem an unlikely home for 300 giant Canada geese relocated in an unusual reclamation project.

Peabody Coal Co. filled two abandoned pits with water, planted some grain around them and turned them into what U.S. Fish and Wildlife biologist Frank Boyd called an "ideal goose habitat."

Similar projects in southern Indiana and Illinois have transplanted about 1,000 geese from Chicago suburbs, where they had become tame and a nuisance to areas where they can multiply into wild flocks suitable for hunting, Boyd said.

The program, begun about three

years ago, was a cooperative venture of state and federal wildlife officials and Peabody. At the time, the government was looking for a new home for the geese and Peabody was looking for cheaper ways to reclaim abandoned strip pits.

"It's just one of those things that works out so it's of benefit to both sides," Boyd said.

Ordinarily, state regulations require stripped land to be graded back to its original contours, covered with topsoil and seeded with grass or trees. But in exchange for importing the geese and maintaining the area, Peabody is allowed to leave the pits open to be filled with water.

"There are considerable savings that can be realized by that," said Jim Coyne, Peabody's director of environmental services.

Coyne said the project also brought some welcome good publicity to the

company — whose extensive strip mining in Muhlenberg County was condemned in the popular country song "Paradise," recorded in the 1970s.

"Everybody's been enthusiastic about this," he said. "I'm not aware of any negative reaction to it at all."

Giant Canada geese were believed to be extinct from the 1930s until 1962. The ones adopted by Peabody came from around Chicago's O'Hare Airport, where their numbers had increased to become a nuisance, Boyd said.

The pits here were stocked with about 250 birds last year. Since then, about 50 to 80 goslings have hatched, officials said.

"For a first year, it was an extremely good increase," said Randy Hedges, a state Fish and Wildlife Department field officer who supervises the project.

The original birds must have their wings clipped every year to keep them from flying back to O'Hare, Hedges said, but the young will consider the pits home.

As their population increases, the geese are expected to spread to other lakes in the area.

Goose hunting has been closed for a 10-mile radius around the mines to allow the birds to multiply, Hedges said.

"The population will probably support hunting in six to eight years, he said.

Meanwhile, the lakes also serve as temporary winter lodging for "thousands of ducks and smaller waterfowl, and they will be stocked with fish to eventually lure anglers," Hedges said.

"We look for this to be quite a popular area for sportsmen one day," he said.

Because of refuge, food

Alaska's Haines is eagles' Capistrano

By BILL CURRY
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HAINES, Alaska — Each fall and winter since time immemorial, the gray bald eagles have flocked here by the thousands.

They roost in the cotton woods, now bare of leaves for the season, to soar majestically and dive purposefully over the gravelly braids of the Chilkat River. There, they feast on spawned-out salmon, fighting over a catch even as scores of other fish slosh helplessly nearby.

It is an extraordinary sight to behold: the largest collection of eagles in the world. Perhaps 3,500 of them at any given time are drawn by one of nature's delicately balanced mysteries, a rare upwelling of warm water in the Chilkat, a phenomenon that brings the salmon to spawn so late in the year.

But in a classically Alaskan conflict between the environment and development, between jobs and wildlife, the eagles' treasured habitat not long ago faced almost certain damage from logging and was threatened by mining.

Then, in a strangely rewarding twist, environmentalists and development interests came together in an unusual spirit of compromise to preserve, forever, this "eagle gathering of eagles."

Moreover, the eagle presides assuredly — which many once-thought would wreak economic havoc on this community, is now becoming the underpinning of a new economy that may well bring tourists — and jobs — to this scenic little postcard of a town in the Southeast Alaskan panhandle.

It is a turn of events that many see as a model for settling environmental conflicts elsewhere, particularly in Alaska, where national conservation goals so often collide with narrower local interests.

"Alaska is the last great battleground of the environment," said state Sen. Bill Ray, who sponsored the legislation that set aside 49,000 acres of the Chilkat Valley for the eagles. "We all want to see the country stay as nice as it can, but we realize there has to be some (development) where we can."

"We took second best, and we're determined to make that work," David H. Cline, regional vice president of the National Audubon Society in Anchorage, said of the compromise that finally brought environmentalists and opposing interests together. "So far, it's working."

"It is a real testament that both sides felt they gave something," said Thomas R. Quinlan, 59, an accountant and local power broker who drove through here from New York in 1950 and "just never left" after his car broke down. He was a leader in the local coalition that fought against the conservationists.

"Fortunately, it never got to the point where we either had an eagle or a mine. It turned out we could have both."

In place that once saw bald eagles as a threat to salmon fishing and paid a \$2 bounty for a pair of talons. Officials used to fill 55-gallon steel drums with talons as some locals made a living killing bald eagles.

Still, timber-cutting plans now being drawn by the state for the forest

that surrounds the Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve threaten to open old conflicts and, some say, pose another threat to the eagles.

The effort to preserve the eagles' seasonal habitat dates to the 1920s, when unsuccessful efforts were made to include the area in the Glacier Bay National Monument. But it was not until 1972 that any action was taken to assure the continuation of a stretch of valley so populated by eagles it was called the Bald Eagle Council Grounds.

That year, the state set aside 4,800 acres as a "critical habitat area" but left thousands more acres around the grounds — which were essential to its survival — open to logging and mining.

To help the ailing lumber industry, the state entered into a long-term timber sales agreement in 1979 with the Schnabel Lumber Co. Conservationists feared it allowed excessive cutting at the expense of the environment.

Worried that the state would never act to save the eagle sanctuary, the Audubon Society asked U.S. Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., to sponsor federal legislation that would lead to a national wildlife refuge of the being created for the eagles.

"People thought people in the Southern 48 would keep enlarging, and enlarging, and enlarging this thing into one big park, locked up and not open to the public," said Vivian C. Menaker, who was president of Lynn Canal Conservation Inc. when the preserve agreement was reached.

But the threat of a federal solution intensified efforts, for an Alaskan solution. Then Gov. Jay S. Hammond

imposed a moratorium on "all major development" in the eagles' habitat. Meanwhile, the Audubon Society launched a critical study of the eagles and the woods and streams and fish on which they are so dependent.

It ultimately led to compromise. "More was feared than was known on both sides of the fence," said Ray Menaker, a retired teacher and publisher of the Chilkat Valley News.

"The studies justified what 'must' have to be done," said David E. Olerud, who opposed the preservationists. "It turned out you didn't need 100 miles in each direction to preserve the eagles' grounds."

Instead, the study identified 33,000 critical acres necessary to preserve the pristine, relatively warm water that supports the only thing that attracts the eagles — the late run of salmon.

"We moved from hot air with no basis to a position of facts," Olerud said of the study.

For almost two years, the moratorium dragged on. "That had to be removed," John Schnabel, one of the largest employers in town, recalled. "Finally, at one meeting I stood up and said, 'We don't solve the problem, the sawmill will close in six months because of the moratorium. If we don't compromise, we're dead.'"

Meanwhile, Cline of the Audubon Society also thought the time was ripe for compromise. "We had to take advantage of the political window," he said. "We had to compromise." And, ultimately, the 49,000-acre preserve was created by the state in 1982 with a state forest area surrounding it. "There's room for logging and mining," Cline said, "if it is done correctly."

Raptor sale law under review by Idaho

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — The Idaho Fish and Game Commission has directed its staff to review proposed federal regulations that would legalize the commercial sale of raptors.

After directing the review and a draft recommendation on the issue Friday, the commission said it would take up the matter at its January session.

Bill Burnham of the World Center For Birds of Prey south of Boise, speaking for himself, told the commission earlier that he believed the proposed regulations contained the

safeguards "necessary" to insure against the illegal taking of wild falcons and hawks.

"This sales issue is a sensitive issue," Burnham acknowledged, but he added, "You're looking at a convert... Over time I've come to the realization that there are people out there who want to obtain one of these birds."

The sale of raptors has gained increasing publicity amid the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Operation Falcon, an investigation into illegal transactions involving birds of prey

that has netted a more than a dozen people in the past two years.

Burnham told the commission that he believed the proposed federal regulations that allow commercial sale of raptors are without the kind of loopholes that would encourage the illegal taking of raptors for commercial "stocking" and urged the panel to adopt them even before the on-going federal investigation is over.

"To wait until Operation Falcon is over... may actually put off part of the cure for those problems," he said. Commission members expressed some concern about the amount of

additional work the regulations would create for the department, even though the fish and wildlife service has indicated it would assume at least part of that load.

But Commissioner Louis Racine pointed out that the state only has seven or eight raptor breeders as it stands now.

The regulations require special identification, usually through banding, of nonwild raptors and frequent reports by breeders and sellers on the number of raptors they have and how they obtained them.

Hagerman duck horde grows to 100,000

HAGERMAN — The number of ducks and geese headquartered out of the Hagerman Wildlife Management Area now is very close to normal for this time of year.

The surge of cold weather through Southern Idaho last week caused an influx of perhaps 30,000 ducks to the refuge over the weekend. It's population is now placed at 100,000 birds, easily the vast majority of birds in the state at this time.

Dale Turnipseed, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, said the large increase undoubtedly was caused by arrivals from the north.

However, the cold weather caused some freezing of open waters in the eastern Idaho and he said the flights

over the weekend indicated a large number of the birds came to Hagerman from the east. Usually, the late arrivals come from the west.

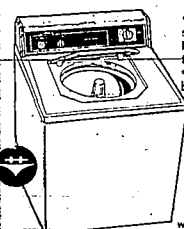
"Our field officers indicated that there was a pretty general pull from the Raft River on down," he said. "Things started freezing up river and they started moving. There were large flocks on the river throughout the canyon over the weekend."

In addition, the Hagerman Canada goose population raised to about 2,000, a jump of about 1,500 in the past 10 days.

"We believe they are largely local geese that are just congregated now some freezing of open waters in the eastern Idaho and he said the flights group," Turnipseed said.

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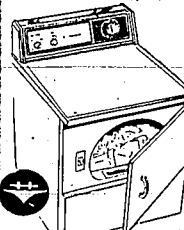


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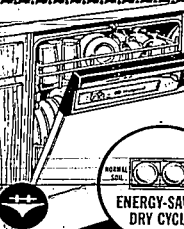
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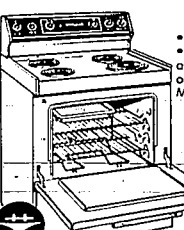


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Some of you must have read the edition of the Times-News that had articles on how, why, when of the low water and were present last Monday to take advantage.

My first encounter Monday morning with my friend George Jasper, who is a young 50-ish and had just finished fishing. He remarked "I'm a bit behind schedule but the fishing was great just below the diversion dam. I left 12 of them for the next guy."

George was referring to the diversion dam on the upper Salmon Falls power plant units.

The water fell only about two feet from the highs we have had for most of the year but this was enough to let some of us reach some favorite holes. At lower Delman Rapids I met a muttering solo who gave me the terse "the fishing was great, what I had of it."

Michigan has first elk hunt in years

ATLANTA, Mich. (AP) — As the eastern sky brightened Tuesday, Harry Hutchison took aim and shot a 15-point, 53-pound bull elk, among the first of the animals legally hunted in Michigan in 19 years.

"A piece of cake," Hutchison, 34, of Ypsilanti said after the shot of about 150 yards near the village of Vienna in northern lower Michigan.

By midmorning, half a dozen hunters had brought their elk to a Department of Natural Resources station in Atlanta for weighing and inspection by state wildlife biologists on the first day of Michigan's first elk-hunting season since 1965.

The DNR approved the hunt to reduce an elk herd estimated at about 1,000 animals, and blamed for widespread damage to farmers' crops.

It granted only 50 permits, sensitive to charges that hunts in 1964 and 1965 resulted in heavy poaching and nearly wiped out the largest elk herd east of the Mississippi.

Gary Boushelle, DNR wildlife biologist, said reports indicated a successful hunt. The department plans an annual elk hunt if this year's succeeds.

"We think the hunt is going super," he said. "It looks like we're accomplishing what our objectives were. I think we have demonstrated we can have a controlled hunt effectively."

The 50 hunters, out of almost 46,000 who applied for the \$100 permit, were required to undergo a day's instruction about the hunt on Monday.

Boushelle declined to estimate how many elk might be killed next year, but noted the herd is increasing about 16 percent a year. More than 150 elk would have to be killed to keep the herd at its present level, and the DNR says it wants to maintain a herd of about 800 animals.

Other successful hunters were also happy at bagging elk.

"I'm very pleased. This makes up for a lot of lean deer years," said Jim Van Wormer of Grand Blanc.

"I was nervous," said Phelma Dubricio of Utica. "I usually don't get excited. This time I did."

"I told the guys (her husband and brother) last night that tomorrow morning by nine I'd have that dude," she said. "I aimed a couple of times and changed my mind" until killing the elk she finally chose.

Harrop

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After a stay of several days, no game could be found. Consequently, two packers were dispatched to town for more liquor. Unfortunately, they were gone for most of two days and drank most of the new supplies on their way back in, bringing the hunt to an end.

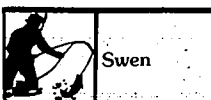
"I said gonna have nuttin to do with them horses," began echoing through the high country as the packers hit the long trail for home, many of them walking.

When the pack string reached base camp, they found the German Shepherd had mysteriously disappeared, along with a haunch of elk from another party's meat pole.

Returning the skinned, played-out horses was no picnic. Some were kept at a remote pasture until the worst of their wounds healed.

And today, you can still borrow a horse in Glens Ferry — provided that you post a bond equal to ten times its value — and if you don't own a cowboy hat.

Mike Harrop is a prize-winning outdoor writer who operates a ranch in the Bliss area.



Swen

It was obvious this poor fellow had met the not unusual fate of these rapids — he had fallen in and was going hell-bent for the car before he froze.

This winter fishing can be classed as misery fishing and the frau planted herself in the first likely hole and left me to seek the fast water and cliff-hanger fishing.

I was rewarded with five quick,

easy small trout.

Some easy access fishing during this low water is the Lower Malad power plant where the clear waters will give you an idea of just how many fish lie below this power plant.

If you plan on fishing this winter, let me give you some survival advice that winter hikers use.

Forget the two pair of jeans. Get out the wool pants. Jeans are cotton and cotton absorbs water. Cotton gets cold when it gets wet. Wool absorbs water, too, but will stay warm.

The proper socks will make your day much better. Use polypropylene as the inner pair and heavy wool as the outer. Make sure the boots fit, too

tight and the insulating effect of the socks is gone.

If you do get frostbite, thaw out slowly with tepid water or better yet a warm room.

We will have three more year-round waters to fish after Jan. 1. They are Fish Creek and Little Wood and Magie reservoirs.

No, Charlie, Roseworth was not included in the year-round fisheries but you will have a Jan. 1-Feb. 28 ice fishing season there.

All we need is for someone to keep us informed as to how the ice conditions are at these reservoirs. If you know, drop me a line and I'll blab it all over the valley.

Will Rogers had the solution to the congested traffic situation. He proposed that streets should only be used by cars that were paid for.

Sven feels that many of the cars on our streets should be taken off because they endanger our lives by having only one headlight.

I for one did not mind the inspection of my vehicles for safety. Without the inspection I find that one out of 10 vehicles has only one headlight and an occasional car with no headlights at all.

Makes one wonder how many of those vehicles are on our streets with faulty brakes, mufflers or other safety features that will not only kill the

driver of the faulty car but endanger the rest of us.

It is nice to have individual freedom of not doing this and that but can a society continue to grant these freedoms when other lives are at stake?

The most dangerous time I spend fishing is not on the stream but rather getting to and from the fishing hole. Just for kicks, keep track next time out and see just how many vehicles have one headlight. One heck of a game to play but it will give you cause to worry about your life.

Sven is an avid Twin Falls fisherman who writes a weekly column for The Times-News.

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Boise South Fork feed sites closed to snowmobilers

FAIRFIELD — Part of the elk winter range on the Fairfield ranger district of the Sawtooth National Forest closed to snowmobilers and other motorized traffic effective Monday.

District Ranger John Madden said recent heavy snow in the mountains north of Fairfield has forced the elk to move to winter range at lower elevations on the South Fork of the Boise and River and its tributaries. Deep snow will keep them there through the winter.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has begun its elk feeding program at several sites on the South Fork, Big Smoky and Lick Creek to help the elk survive the winter while most of their natural forage is buried by snow. During the feeding period, the Forest Service is closing the area to motorized travel including snow machines.

Snowmobile travel in this critical winter range at this time would be detrimental to the survival of the elk. It forest them to move through the deep snow in an effort to escape the noise of the machines. Each escape effort uses up energy the elk need to get through the winter.

After repeated disturbances, the elk, especially the younger animals, exhaust their fat reserves and can die before the spring range is accessible. Closure signs have been posted one-half mile east of Shake Creek Guard Station, at Couch Summit and on the Little Smoky Road near Red Rock Creek. Violators of this closure are subject to prosecution.

Property owners who need to travel into the closed area are asked to contact the U.S. Forest Service at Fairfield to pick up special access permits.

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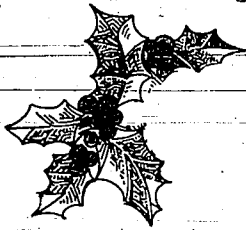
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Valley life

Woman's pet blackbird has become her 'little partner'

By LORAYNE O. SMITH
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — "It's for the birds" is not a negative expression to Bethal Owens. For the last two years, her life has revolved around a pet blackbird she fondly refers to as "my little partner."

Blackbirds frequently nest in the trees at Sunnyview Courts, where she has lived since the low-cost housing unit opened 20 years ago. Owens says the species seem to take an unusual interest in humans.

"When I'd go outside, they'd often swoop

down real close to my head and follow me around," she says.

She acquired her pet, literally, by accident. She was attempting to move a blackbird nest to a "better tree" in her yard when it disintegrated and a baby bird inside fell to the ground.

"I was afraid the fall would kill her," Owens said, adding she picked the bird up and carried it into her apartment "with all the blackbirds around scolding me."

She used a medicine dropper to give it water and "poked wet bread" down its beak; a trick she says she had learned earlier when

she nursed two small robins.

As the robins matured, they began roosting in the trees and only coming down at night for her to feed. Finally they flew away and never returned, she says.

The female blackbird, however, seems entirely dependent upon Owens and although allowed outside in summer makes no effort to leave. In fact, it seems fearful to leave Owens' apartment and lawn.

"When I go for a walk, she won't follow me beyond the light post in the front yard," Owens says. When she returns, however, her "little partner" joyfully welcomes her

home, she adds.

Like pets of any variety, the bird provides company. Owens is a widow without close family ties.

"In the summer, when I take a chair out on the porch to read, she'll catch bugs and bring each one to show me," Owens says. She says if she goes into the house, when she returns, the bird will be perched on the back of her chair waiting for her.

"She follows me like she's afraid she'll lose me."

Owens feeds her pet a wide variety of bird seed and recently has been seeking, without

much success, information about what extra nutrients her feathered friend may need.

Within the last year, she says the blackbird has developed problems with its feathers and no longer seems able to fly any distance—but merely hops around the apartment. However, Owens says she believes the problem is caused by lack of protein and finally found meal worms, which have a high concentration of protein, for her pet.

The bird appears healthy, except its tailfeathers are not as broad and fluffy as Owens says they should be.

No, don't and stop are parenting words

When you think about it, we've all raised our kids using a minimum of three exclamatory sentences: No! Don't! and Stop!

Used unsparringly, they can take a parent through 20 or 30 years of living.

No TV until you've done your homework. No dessert until you've cleaned up your plate. No hurry because you're not going. No way. No sense in pleading. No nonsense when I leave. No allowance until you've cleaned the driveway. No dishes, no movie. No driving a car until you're 16. No soap. No nothing until you bring those grades up. No sweets before dinner. No sassing. No need to be rude. No is my final answer. No time for your mother anymore. No friends in the house while I'm at work.

No puppy until you can take care of yourself. No more arguing with your brother. No more new cereal until you finish off that box. No one needs a shirt that cost \$30. No sense in wasting all that food. No, and that's the last time I say it!

Just when you think there are no more ways to say No, along comes Don't.

Don't screw up. Don't be selfish. Don't overeat. Don't starve yourself. Don't forget your sweater. Don't do as I do, do as I



Emma Bombeck
At wit's end

say. Don't forget to say thank you. Don't you dare talk with food in your mouth. Don't slouch. Don't run. Don't think it. Don't just sit there.

Don't you hear what I'm saying? Don't raise your voice with me. Don't say I didn't warn you. Don't see her again. Don't bring that into the kitchen. Don't you see that rug? Don't leave your room in such a mess. Don't lose your glasses. Don't miss your bus. Don't hang your head out the window. Don't leave the cap off the shampoo. Don't make me say it again.

For sheer drama, there is nothing like Stop!

Stop humming. Stop when you see a red light. Stop driving me crazy. Stop or you'll kill us all. Stop taking that creep. Stop snapping your gum. Stop punishing your mother. Stop what you're doing right now. Stop school and you'll regret it for the rest of your life. Stop acting like you're a big shot. Stop pretending you don't know what I'm talking about.

County records provide quick checkup

DEAR ABBY: Every now and then a woman writes to say that she's involved with a man who claims he's not married, but she suspects he is. I was in that spot once, so I did a little detective work on my own and discovered I was right. Not only did I learn the man was married, I also found out:

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7. Their professions.



Abigail VanBuren
Dear Abby

8. Where they were married.

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Abby, I got all this information at no cost to me simply by checking the public records in the county registrar's office in the county where I suspected the man had married. Pass it on.

— ANONYMOUS IN CALIFORNIA
DEAR ANONYMOUS: In California, records of births, deaths and

marriages are available to anyone who wants to see them. But because the laws differ from state to state, it may not be true elsewhere. However, this can be easily checked out by calling your county registrar's office.

DEAR ABBY: Like a lot of other people, the only time I write to some of my friends is during the holidays. My problem is that my husband and I are in the process of getting a divorce. We have been married for a number of years and have no children (which makes it easier), but it's still hard.

We are still good friends, but we cannot live together as man and wife. How do I tell our friends? Would it be proper to give them the news on a

Christmas card while wishing them a happy holiday? Or should I just send a normal holiday card like all is well and write a separate note later? Our divorce will not be final until February.

— HOW TO TELL

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Weddings

Hill, Henson exchange wedding vows

BUHL — Linda Hill became the bride of Michael Henson Nov. 2 at the Castleford United Methodist Church.

Burton Baughman of Buhl of the Reorganized LDS Church officiated and Dan Colon of the United Methodist Church in Castleford offered a prayer. Mitzie Zagata, Buhl, cousin of the bride, was pianist.

"The bride is the daughter of John and Ellen Hill of Buhl," and "the bridegroom is the son of L. A. (Slim) Henson of Castleford."

Mary Hill, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Connie Walker and Elizabeth Hill, both sisters of the bride.

Tom Henson was best man for his brother. Groomsmen were Rob Bick and B. B. Bulkey. Ushers and candlelighters were Danny Howard and John Hill, brother-of-the-bride. Jeremy Walker, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer.

Terrie Boggett attended the guest book. Cory King, nephew of the bridegroom, and Frank Hill, brother of the bride, carried gifts.

A reception was held following the ceremony with Sheila King, sister of the bridegroom; Sandy Henson, sister-in-law of the bridegroom; Valeria Peterson and Lynnette Edmonds serving.

Special guests were Frank and Grace Zagata of Buhl, grandparents of the bride.

The bride, a 1983 graduate of Buhl High School, is employed at Pet-Milk, Inc. in Buhl.

The bridegroom, a 1979 graduate of Castleford High School, works for Pat Peterson in Castleford.

The couple resides in Buhl.



LINDA, MICHAEL HENSON

Gregory-Serradell

KING HILL — Sharon Gregory and John W. Serradell exchanged wedding vows Nov. 6 in Elko, Nev.

Jack Adams, justice of the peace, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Gregory of King Hill and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Serradell of Eagle River, Alaska.

The couple was attended by Shari Main and Ray Campbell.

The bride is a 1984 graduate of Glenns Ferry High School.

The newlyweds were honored Dec. 8 at a reception given by the bride's family at the Trophy Club in Glenns Ferry.

Valley happenings

Divorce Recovery plans party

TWIN FALLS — The Divorce Recovery Group will hold a pizza party at 7 p.m. Friday at Maxie's Pizza parlor in Twin Falls.

YFCA slates youth overnigher

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley YFCA's weekly youth overnigher for children ages 5-12 will be held Friday night. Parents can drop their children at the Y, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., at 7:30 p.m. and pick them up Saturday by 9 a.m. Activities include swimming, tree video games and a movie. A dinner snack and light breakfast are included in the \$6 fee and the event is open to the public. Children should bring swim suits, towels and sleeping bags. To register call 733-4384.

Grange plans Christmas party

KING HILL — The King Hill Grange annual Christmas party will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Grange Hall. Santa Clause will conduct a gift exchange with adult gifts not to exceed \$5 and children's gifts not over \$3. Members are to bring cookies, sandwiches or homemade candy.

Hansen decorating contest set

HANSEN — Decorating for Christmas can win Hansen residents up to \$50. Persons interested in entering the city's house decorating contest can register at the Hansen City Hall anytime before Dec. 20.

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Author Nancy Wright obsessed by 'A Mother's Trial'

A killer who sought attention

Mother's murder of adopted child is a psychological labyrinth

By JULIE AMPARANO
The Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Like Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Priscilla Phillips was two people: the woman authorities said was so obsessed with getting attention she slowly poisoned her adopted baby to death.

Nancy Wright, an English teacher who became so interested in Phillips' story that she spent five days in prison with her, wrote a book about the case, but even now she isn't sure of the woman's guilt or innocence.

"I just couldn't stop thinking about it," said Wright, 37, of Los Angeles. "Here was a mother, about my age, who killed her child in order to bring attention to herself."

"It was shocking, yet so believable, that I found myself obsessed with it."

Phillips, now 38, was convicted of second-degree murder and child endangerment in 1979 for killing her adopted Korean baby, Tia, and trying to poison a second daughter, Mandy.

After four years behind bars, she's due for release from prison, her five years-to-life sentence reduced for good behavior. She plans to move to South Carolina, where her two natural sons and husband have relocated.

"After more than two years of intense research, I found that I wasn't absolutely sure whether Priscilla really did poison her children," said Wright, whose book, "A Mother's Trial," outlines the case from Phillips' perspective and from the perspectives of her husband, G. Stephen Phillips, San Rafael police Detective Ted Lindquist and Dr. Evelyn Callas, who discovered that infant formula prepared by Phillips was contaminated.

Friends say Phillips was a respected social worker and a model mother who spent many ragged nights in the hospital tending to her baby's needs.

But doctors said she wasn't the saint she pretended to be, and authorities argue that Phillips suffered from "Munchausen's syndrome by proxy," a psychological disorder that makes victims seek attention by harming others.

Tia had been plagued by vomiting and diarrhea, which often sent her into convulsions and eventually resulted in her death in 1977. She had spent most of her 21-month life in the hospital, her mother faithfully by her side.

Doctors had admired Phillips' courage and the time she devoted to Tia — until her newly adopted Korean baby, Mandy, developed the same symptoms and Callas discovered the baby

formula had been contaminated.

The formula often was mixed by Phillips, and doctors said she definitely prepared the contaminated batch, loaded with baking soda, which can cause the symptoms suffered by Phillips' adopted children.

The defense argued that anyone could have spiked the bottle. But the prosecution persuaded the jury in 1979 to convict Phillips, and Mandy was quickly taken from the family.

The strange and highly publicized trial shook the residents of San Rafael and intrigued Wright, who quit her job to spend five days with Phillips in her cell at the California Institute for Women in Fontana.

During the sessions, Phillips frequently would break into hysterical sobs, claiming she would never kill the girls she loved and wanted so much, Wright said. Phillips had always wanted a girl.

"I believed her when I spoke to her. She was very articulate, so convincing," Wright said. "Then I'd go back to my office and review the evidence, and I knew she was guilty. If she's lying, she's so believable that she should be on Broadway."

"I think I'll always wonder whether she really did it. I guess a lot of people will."

Oklahoma's institutionalized children get gift from Santa

By BILL JOHNSON
The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Johnny may want a pair of skates and Susie may want a doll, but if they are in an Oklahoma Institution they may have to settle for a cuddly stuffed animal or a cat.

But a state agency, believed unique in the country, will make sure that there is a present for each of these children when Santa makes his rounds.

Vivian Nall and three helpers have been working since mid-September to make Christmas wishes come true for Oklahoma's institutionalized children. They start with a \$2,500 state appropriation, supplement that with about \$15,000 in donations, visit wholesalers and finally bring it all together in a large, sparsely-furnished room in a building near the Capitol.

Nall is executive secretary of the Oklahoma Santa Claus Commission, an agency spawned in the depths of the Depression and the height of the Dust Bowl and established by legislative act in 1937 to provide "a real Christmas for all children in all Oklahoma orphanages and homes of like nature."

"Every child in this institution funded wholly or in part by the state gets one present," Nall said. These range from children housed in state- and church-operated orphanages to those in juvenile detention homes.

There have been occasions in the past when some legislators protested against spending state money to buy presents for children held for juvenile offenses. But although the amount of money appropriated each year has varied, rising in some years to as high as \$7,500, state funds have been allocated to the agency each year since its inception.

"But we always need money," Nall said.

The agency is overseen by three commissioners, appointed by the governor, and each maintains a list of potential contributors. Annual letters are asking for donations. The commission's account is kept in a downtown Oklahoma City bank, which is authorized to accept contributions on behalf of the commission.

To stretch funds as far as possible, Nall and her helpers — Betty Hunsucker, Josephine Smitsen and Lawrence Barrett — make their own bows for the packages. Old Christmas cards are cut up and the fancy artwork — and sometimes even the large letters — are used as decorations.

Lists of available presents are sent to each institution in the state. These are broken down into classifications — presents for infants through 7 years, girls 8 to 12, boys 8 to 12, girls 13 to 18 and boys 13 to 18.

Presents range from pull toys and rag dolls for the youngest through transistor radios, photo albums, hair dryers, a mirror, comb and brush set to chess sets and popular board and card games for older children.

Older girls also have the choice of cook books and material suitable for

sewing blouses and skirts. Sports items range from footballs and basketballs to a baseball glove and badminton set. There are models to assemble, paint-by-number sets, Bibles, picture books and jigsaw puzzles.

Children in the institutions make their first, second and third choices

from the list. Then Nall and the others do their best to match the requests with the presents on hand.

"Josephine and I buy the presents in July and August," Miss Nall said. "Around Thanksgiving we buy various kinds of wrapped candy and sack it. Each child gets a pound of candy in addition to the present."

While the three women — each retired from other jobs — wrap and decorate the packages, Barrett checks that the footballs are full of air and puts batteries in the radios and calculators. The women are on the state payroll for four months, September through December, while Barrett is on loan from the state

Department of Human Services. After the presents are wrapped and tagged with the recipients' names, they are boxed for delivery. State Transportation Department trucks carry the packages to the institutions as they travel around the state. The Santa Claus Commission had its inception in the fall of 1935 when

then-state Budget Officer R.R. Owens and his wife visited the orphanage in Helena. They found that the children expected little for Christmas, perhaps an orange, an apple or some candy.

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Ice cream popular in American home

NEW-YORK (AP) — United States consumption of ice cream in 1983 totaled more than 887 million gallons, or more than 15 quarts per person, according to Chocolatier magazine.

It says ice cream is consumed by over 98 percent of all U.S. households, with 84 percent of the population buying ice cream at least once a month.

Over one-third of all households are considered heavy users of the cold stuff since they eat at least one gallon every two weeks.

Enthusiasm over Hot Springs growing cold

By PETER LARSON
Dallas Times Herald

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — The lavish bathhouses that once attracted millions of health-seekers to this Arkansas town have fallen on hard times.

In fact, business is going down the drain.

"We're down to about 100,000 baths a year," says Roger Giddings, superintendent of Hot Springs National Park. "That's down from over a million baths in 1946."

The trend is deeply troubling to the federal government, which has owned the famous mineral springs since 1932. Six of the eight bathhouses built on federal land have closed since 1965. The Park Service, which owns the buildings, plans to lease the empty bathhouses for use as shops, restaurants and art galleries to offset the expense of operating the spa, which exceeds \$200,000 annually.

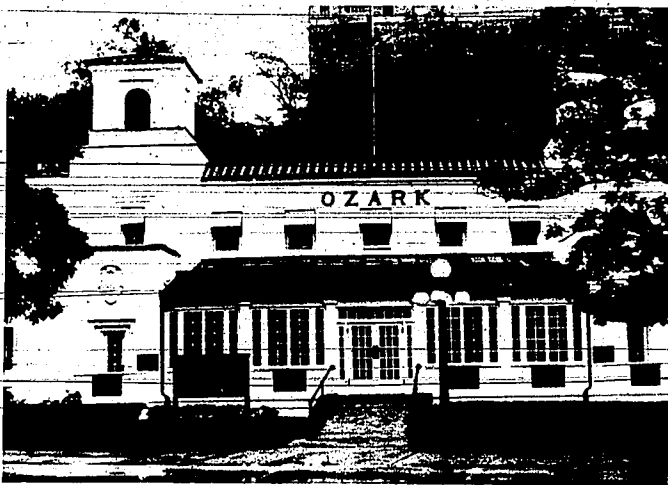
"Our goal is to have bathhouses with different kinds of operations in them," Giddings said.

The baths have declined steadily since the 1920s because of the development of modern drugs. Invalids who soaked in mineral water to relieve syphilis, gout, and arthritis are now treated with antibiotics, cortisone and painkillers.

Poliomyelitis, the dreaded one-widespread disease that crippled Americans — is now held in check by vaccines. No longer are the baths filled with stiff-bodied, stoop-shouldered patients. "In those days we had to lift people up on the table to give them a massage," recalls Orland Koonce, manager of the Buckstaff bathhouse.

Their joints were swollen with rheumatoid arthritis. You don't see that anymore."

Once sacred to Indian tribes, Hot Springs was visited by French trappers and explorers in the 1700s who



The Ozark bathhouse in Hot Springs, Ark., is one of six sites closed for lack of business

discovered clouds of vapor rising from the valley. The healing properties of the springs have been a source of legend since.

In 1932, Congress set aside Hot Springs as the nation's first national preserve. Soon, legions of invalids were arriving by stagecoach to pitch tents beside the 47 bubbling springs.

Each spring attracted a different group of patients. Kidney Springs was believed to heal the kidneys. Alum

Springs was prescribed for patients with sore eyes. Corn Hole Springs attracted bathers with corns, bunions and other foot ailments.

Eventually, the bathhouses received water from the same springs.

Only two of the springs are still open. The rest have been capped to prevent contamination of the sterile, bacteria-free water.

The Park Service avoids making any claims that the mineral baths

cure sickness or relieve pain. Still, the agency receives frequent testimonials from bathers, and the service makes no effort to dispel those claims.

"We've had many letters over the years," says Hugh Crenshaw, a park official. "People with bleeding kidneys, bursitis, whiplash and rheumatoid arthritis claim the baths have helped them."

Other bathers claim relief from

stress and tension. A Chicago attorney who visits Hot Springs every year finds the baths soothing.

"He's very high-strung individual," Crenshaw said. "But when he comes to Hot Springs, he doesn't need his tranquilizers."

Nearly 700,000 gallons of water flow from the springs daily. An elaborate system of pumps, pipes and reservoirs supplies the mineral water to hotels, spas and bathhouses in Hot Springs.

The water gushes from the ground at 143 degrees Fahrenheit, and most is cooled to 100 degrees for bathing.

Hotels and bathhouses pay an annual "tubage fee" of \$30 for each bathtub, and 25 cents for each 1,000 gallons of mineral water. Still, the federal government loses money on the proposition.

"It's no different than running the Grand Canyon," Giddings said. "We're here to make this resource available to the people of the United States."

Water from the springs contains traces of calcium, magnesium, sodium, potassium, bicarbonate, sulfate, chloride, fluoride, oxygen, carbon dioxide, as well as as harmless amounts of radioactivity, Crenshaw said.

A mineral bath costs about \$7, with prices strictly controlled by the government. The full treatment lasts 90 minutes, and usually includes hot packs, steam cabinet and needle shower, in which the water is sprayed in tiny streams with great force.

Wary of quackery, the Park Service registers all doctors who send patients to Hot Springs for treatment.

Forty-five doctors are currently approved on the government register, Giddings said.

Many tourists don't have time for the leisurely regimen of baths and hotpicks, Giddings said.

"People live at a faster pace these

days," Giddings said. "They don't have time to spend 12 to 18 days taking mineral baths."

Eight historic bathhouses are still preserved along Bathhouse Row, but only two remain open — the Buckstaff and the Lamar. The vacant buildings are falling apart, Giddings said.

With marble walls, mosaic floors, polished brass bannisters and some with stained glass windows, the bathhouses are relics of another age.

"The condition of these buildings is part of the problem," said Giddings. "People would rather take a bath in a newer-looking facility."

At the Buckstaff, however, bathing is performed with ritual flourish. The bather reclines in a massive, 300-gallon tub that resembles nothing so much as a Roman sarcophagus.

One attendant scrubs your back. Another wraps your weary limbs in hot towels. The bathbaths are surrounded by curtains for privacy.

"You come in, gritting your teeth and you leave so relaxed you can hardly walk," said Francis Johnsons of Portland, Ore., vacationing in Hot Springs with her husband.

Most of the patients are still elderly, but few are crippled or disabled, said Koonce, who manages the Buckstaff.

"Ninety-nine percent of our customers are tickled to death," Koonce said. "We don't fuss about how many towels they use."

Baths are also offered at four Hot Springs hotels and at a local health club and rehabilitation clinic. The health club, which offers cold bathing in hot tubs, attracts a large, younger clientele.

"Since the demand for therapeutic bathing has declined, we may get into hot tubs," says Giddings.

The Park Service is developing a master plan for the future of the spa, Giddings said.

County's outstanding farm family never shies from duties

By NALD J. BOTCH
For The Associated Press

READING, Pa. — The sun creeps over the horizon, casting a glow over the farm that is tended by the seasoned hands of Wilson M. Balbaser and his family. They were chosen as this year's outstanding farm family in the county by the Agricultural and Horticultural Association of Berks County.

The family arise together in the same farmhouse in which Balbaser was born some 40 years ago, to work the same land along Bernville-Sharpsville Road in Upper Tulpehocken Township that he and his ancestors have worked for four generations.

For Wilson and his wife, LaVerne, farming

has been a way of life since childhood. They learned it from their parents and, in turn, are teaching their children, Tammy, 14, Randy, 11, and Jason, 9, the joys and disappointments of life on the farm.

The children learn very early that farming is a full-time job. They begin their daily chores, not only early in life, but also early in the morning. The daily regimen involves feeding the calves, cleaning the barn and the stalls, milking the cows, unloading hay, and whatever else needs to be done.

"Sometimes it's aggravating," said Tammy, "but I'm sure every farmer has that problem. Sometimes we can't get away (from the farm) to do everything."

But somewhere in their schedule, the

Balbaser find time for some of life's leisurely pleasures.

The children are involved in sports and other activities. Tammy plays field hockey, basketball, and softball at Hamburg High School, in addition to participating in 4-H activities. She particularly enjoys the 4-H dairy club.

Said Jason, who is a little more practical than the rest: "I don't want to live on a farm. You have to pay too many bills."

On the other hand, his mother, the family's bookkeeper, said, "I wouldn't want to live in the city or anywhere else. It's so quiet here."

Mrs. Balbaser is on call 24 hours a day, running errands for her husband, milking cows, helping a cow deliver a calf or sewing

quilts to keep the family warm through the winter.

The Balbaseres are all charter members of the Sharpsville Grange — in which Wilson holds the office of overseer. When they get a free moment or two in the summer, the family enjoys visiting Hershey Park and Dorney ark, and they manage to set aside time for an annual trip to Delaware to do some fishing, crabbing and clamming.

Their farm consists of 62 acres, of which they own 129 acres; the remainder is rented.

There are 220 acres of corn, 110 acres of alfalfa, 125 acres of mixed hay, 30 acres of oats, 82 acres of pasture and 62 acres of woodland. The livestock includes 85 cows, 72 heifers, four bulls, 15 steers and 160 hogs.

Balbaser said many farming techniques have changed since he first began tilling in the fields. The changes range from plowing techniques to feeding methods and soil testing.

"The management part of farming is much more critical than it was 10 years ago," Balbaser said. "You can't take short cuts. You can't cut or fertilize to save money, because your crops are going to suffer."

The family's main income is from the milk that they sell to Clover Farms Dairy. The animals need daily care or the family income is jeopardized.

"When you're a farmer, if you don't have a wife who's interested in farming, forget it," said Balbaser.

Cucumbers, tiny trees flourish in incredibly long mine shaft

By EARL ARONSON
The Associated Press

Nearly a mile underground, cucumbers and tiny trees are growing vigorously in a Canadian nickel mine.

The test-pilot plantings flourish in the natural heat of the Inco Ltd. Creighton mine at Copper Cliff, Ont., under automated high-intensity halide lights. Water and air are piped in.

The elevator carrying me, my wife Golden, Canadian friends Jim and Vera Clatworthy, and miners, took less than 5 minutes to reach the 4,600-foot "gardener" level of the 7,137-foot deep No. 9 mine, the longest continuous shaft in the Western Hemisphere.

The disease- and insect-free plantings are in a Y-shaped drill, or corridor of the 42-year-old mine that produces nickel, copper, platinum, silver, gold and other ores. The plantings are portable, Mike Peters,

agricultural technician, said, so they can be moved if the section is needed for mining.

The bushy-bearded Peters related that the temperature is one degree higher every 100 feet downward in the mine. At 4,600 feet, it is 83-84 degrees Fahrenheit.

The project is supported by Inco, Laurentian Univ. and the Canadian government.

We walked an eerie quarter of a mile from the shaft beside rails that guide ore carts to reach the two 100-foot-long test areas. We saw there quired hard-hat boots and miners' hats with lamps.

Nina Naumenko, a pretty Laurentian graduate student whose father retired recently after 30 years in the mines, tends 6,000 Jack and Red Pine seedlings grown in individual containers from seeds in a medium of sphagnum peat moss and vermiculite. The trees get 20 hours of simulated sunlight daily and the

cucumbers 18 hours. Tomatoes, lettuce and other vegetables also have been grown successfully.

The tree seedlings have a much better survival rate (90 percent) in the mine than outdoors (45 percent), Nina related. The company plants 20,000 to 30,000 trees yearly in its 100,000 forest acres.

"The trees grow in the mine for 4 months," Nina explained. "Then they are hardened, or cooled off, above ground for 2 weeks before going to permanent homes. Some go to commercial growers; others to reforest places where there has been environmental damage."

The cucumbers, 3 months old then, were in individual soft black plastic bags. Bearing three or more big leaves, they were ready to go into "bolsters," automatically watered and fertilized sacks, for 3 months. Each plant produces four to seven large uniform English-type cucumbers.

Some mine heat is brought to the surface through shafts to warm a 200-square-foot greenhouse, soon to be replaced by a 4,500-square-foot structure. About 70,000 annual flowers are grown in greenhouses for decorating mine sites, public parks and government buildings. Auxiliary heat is needed in winter when Northern Ontario temperatures dip far below zero.

The vegetable project began in 1978. The tree venture, based on technology developed at the Bunker Hill Mining Co., in Kellogg, Idaho, was inaugurated last February.

Tom Peters, Inco agriculturalist and father of Mike, related that the idea of growing food underground was conceived by biologist Joe Shorhouse of Laurentian during a lecture on alternative food sources for Northern Ontario. The cold winter plus high transportation costs made the project worth investigating.

So Shorhouse and Dr. Peters began "the world's first attempt to grow vegetables over a kilometer beneath the earth's surface."

Dr. Peters said the mine's "wall of rock" at the 4,600-to-5,600-foot levels provides year-round constant

geothermal heat.

Lighting, he added, was a challenge — overcome by special metal halide, mercury, vapor and high-pressure sodium lamps. The problem of providing essential soil nutrients was solved with bolster bags (pillow-like plastic bags) containing peat moss and vermiculite. Surface soil was used to avoid introducing disease and pests. Fine plastic "spaghnum" tubing feeds water and nutrients automatically.

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Special Yuletide tree at New York museum adorned by antiques

By BARBARA MAYER
The Associated Press

What may be one of the most beautiful and most elaborate Christmas trees in the country is the one which stands in the Medieval Hall of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York for almost a month before Christmas. The 30-foot artificial balsam is decorated with more than 200 18th-century Neapolitan angels and cherubs. It is a gift to the museum from the late Loretta Hines Howard, an artist and a collector of creche figures.

It is an unusual gift in that the donor not only provided the rare and valuable ornaments, but also supplied the many weeks of labor required to set up the tree in all its splendor.

Howard contributed the unique method of displaying the angels, devising a way of putting the figures into the family Christmas tree when they arrived from Italy in 1952.

The effect was so spectacular that she was asked to recreate her "angel tree" at the Metropolitan, which she did for the first time in 1957. In 1964, she gave the figures to the Metropolitan for its permanent collection. Since 1965, the tree has been a fixture at the museum.

It is believed that as many as a million visitors have seen it over the years.

Howard died in 1982, but her daughter, Lynn Howard, and others who have worked on the tree from the beginning have continued to donate their time to decorate it.

We caught up with Howard several weeks before the scheduled unveiling Dec. 1. Activity behind the improvised wooden screen was, in a quiet museum-like way, at fever pitch.

Howard, Enrique Espinoza and Susan Roschen, all of whom worked with Howard over the years, were hard at work, assisted by museum painters, electricians, carpenters and riggers.

Besides the angels and cherubs, the tree is festooned with electrified candles. At the tree's base are a series of landscapes and architectural backdrops which recreate the landscape of Bethlehem, as imagined by 18th-century Neapolitans. Scores of 18th-century figures are placed in these landscapes to reenact the events of the Nativity.

Though each of the figures is interesting in itself, it is the combination

tion of all the elements which stimulates the exclamations of awe and pleasure when viewers first catch sight of the towering tree.

One of the hallmarks of the tree is its perfect symmetry. All the figures are arranged so that every eye appears to be turned toward the base at which the Christ child lies in its cradle.

To position these figures and install all the elements is a full-time labor for many people over a period that may range from two to four weeks, according to Howard.

She said the effects had been achieved through the invention of a variety of special devices and lighting by Espinoza. The angels, for example, are all on adjustable swivel mechanisms so they can be repositioned. The angels' slither robes are wired at every edge so they can be rearranged.

Each year the tree is photographed, and Howard makes annotated sketches indicating where each figure has been placed. However, no attempt is made to duplicate the arrangements since the figures are often added.

Work begins at the top of the tree as the gold- and silver-plated, copper and lucite tree ornament Espinoza designed is placed at the pinnacle. The electrified candles are then installed and lit, starting with those at the top, are arranged on the tree. Shielded spotlights illuminate the tree's branches illuminate each of the approximately 20-inch-long angels.

The "flying" angels have bodies of straw, painted wooden hands, feet and wings, and painted terra cotta faces. Though they appear to be flying, the illusion is created by their position and the drapery of the slither robes in which they are clothed. The goal is to create a series of perfectly straight diagonal lines from the top of the tree to the base, said Howard.

The goal, said Howard, is perfection — a goal which she says she inherited from her mother.

"My mother took the tree from our home and gave it to the museum so everyone could share its beauty," she said.

Though not everyone can visit the museum to see the tree, Ms. Howard has remedied this lack by writing a book describing and picturing the tree and its most celebrated decorations.

("The Angel Tree," by Lynn Howard and Mary Jane Pool, is published by Knopf.)

Sparkling wines are growing more popular

By TOWN & COUNTRY

Americans are drinking more and more sparkling wines, but the labels read "methode champenoise" instead of "champagne" and the price tags read in single instead of double digits.

Well-known French champagne houses are sinking roots — and growing grapes — in California, according to the December issue of Town & Country, while Americans also are drinking sparkling wine from other regions of France and from Spain, Italy, Germany and Romania.

And they are paying as little as \$4 a bottle, instead of the \$20 and up that French champagnes cost.

The trend away from French champagne (according to Common Market, rules only wine produced in the Champagne district of France can use that name) goes back to 1952 when California's Beaulieu vineyard made a small amount of sparkling wine in the French manner. By the early 1970s other West Coast wineries were trying to produce premium sparkling wines.

In the 1970s, the French champagne house of Moet & Chandon bought 1,200 acres in California's Napa Valley, where they now produce Domatene Chandon sparkling wine. Piper-Heidsieck followed suit in 1980 with Piper-Sonoma, which one wine expert called "Perhaps the most elegant sparkling wine made in this country."

The French houses of Roederer, Deutz and Lanson now are in the process of moving into California.

California winemakers also are turning to the more intricate and costly "methode champenoise" — the process of producing sparkling wines practiced in the Champagne district. So are wineries in Washington, Idaho and New York.

Unfortunately, methode champenoise wine can be costly, and the wine fancier may wind up paying more for a premium California bubbly than for a discounted genuine French champagne.

That's where the wines of other regions of France, as well as those of Spain, Italy and Germany enter the wine picture.

French sparkling wines not produced in Champagne are called vins mousseux, and such labels as Veuve Amiot, Bouvet Brut and Brut Royal sell for from \$5 to \$10 a bottle.

Spanish sparklers such as Freixenet Cordon Negro may not have the delicacy of elegant champagne, but at \$1 or \$5 a bottle they are much more affordable.

Italian sparkling wines require caution, since there is some cloakingly sweet Asti Spumanti on the market as well as such dry and zesty Asti as Vinos, Fontanafredda or Bersano for \$8 or \$9 a bottle.

German "sekt" wines are just beginning to make their mark in the U.S., Romania's Premiata Methode Champenoise is a bargain at \$6 a bottle, according to Town & Country, and soon Australia will be getting into the act with classically made bubbly from the Taltarni Vineyards.



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College students try life in 'homestead'

By REBECCA JONES
The Associated Press

GRANVILLE, Ohio — It is hard to visualize the three rural cabins which Denison University students call The Homestead as a college dorm.

There is no running water or electricity. Sometimes, it's necessary to milk the goat before breakfast, and students use an outhouse.

The Homestead is home for a handful of students who are seeking "an escape from the ridiculousness of campus life," says Professor Robert Alrutz, faculty advisor to the project.

The student-built cabins are clustered on 200 acres of land about a mile from the main campus of this private school which has a student body of 2,100. Four students — three women and a male Swedish exchange student — are living in the cabins during the fall term. In the past it has housed up to 16 students. The number varies from semester to semester, Alrutz said.

Life at the Homestead isn't easy. Residents grow their own food, some of it in a solar-heated greenhouse added on to one cabin. They cook on wood-burning stoves. Fresh meat is a rarity; but most residents are vegetarians anyway.

Loosely hung sheets substitute for walls in the cabins. The second-hand furniture is a beat-up reminder of earlier homesteaders, as are the gra-

fit on the rough wood walls. Outside, chickens strut in the yard, a family of black and orange cats play in the sun, and Shawn, a brown and white mongrel who has been at the Homestead since the beginning, sleepily ignores it all.

Getting to class requires a hike through the fields. With the nearest paved road a half-mile away, it can be a muddy trek during the spring thaw, or a slip-sliding one during a winter ice storm. On cold nights, forgetting to chop enough wood to keep a fire in the stove means waking up in a cold cabin.

But to students who live there, these are only minor inconveniences to the experience they gain by living off the land and supporting themselves.

"It's a humanizing experience," said Rich Kobe, 18, of Cleveland. Kobe is a sophomore who spent the summer at the Homestead and intends to return for the spring semester. "A real sense of community is built here. Homesteaders depend on each other to keep it going."

Alrutz — "Daddy A" to the homesteaders — is a professor of biology and coordinator of environmental studies at the school. He's sympathetic to the reasons some students want to give homesteading a try.

"These youngsters grow up in a way so there's no call on them to contribute to their own support system. Their only responsibility is to get good

grades and stay out of trouble," he said. "The net result is, when they get a chance to create something with their hands, it's an emotional experience. They're almost hungry to do it."

The Homestead began in 1977 as an agricultural cooperative that would give students a chance to milk cows, bale hay, and generally get the feel of living off the land while helping feed others. Alrutz said it had become one of the few institutions, if not the only one in the nation, created and sustained by students who are absolutely dependent on each other.

"There's no way in modern life you can totally homestead," he said. "The trick is to do what you can do without technology."

Though the Homestead is primitive by most standards, it is state-of-the-art in one area. Passive solar heating was installed last month under the supervision of Richard Downs, a solar heating salesman and a 1977 graduate of Denison. Downs is an alumnus of the Homestead program.

Homesteading isn't a whole choice for everyone, Alrutz said. "I remember a parental fight between daughter and a son-in-law-oriented mother. That didn't work," he said.

For other students, however, Alrutz feels the Homestead may be the very thing that keeps them in school.

Mixed land use brings crime to neighborhoods

By TOM MINIHART
The Associated Press

The trend toward mixing homes, businesses and recreational facilities in one neighborhood may actually increase crime, according to a researcher at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. William M. Rohe, an assistant professor of city and regional planning, said his study suggested the design of a neighborhood might have more impact than its social characteristics on the crime rate.

"We were very surprised," said Rohe, who conducted the study with Dr. Stephanie W. Greenberg, now a sociologist with a Colorado tele-

phone company. "We had thought that ... things like the degree to which people neighbor with each other and look out for suspicious activity would be more important variables in the crime rate. But we found ... the real difference distinguishing low- and high-crime neighborhoods is the physical characteristics of the neighborhood."

Rohe, who is on leave to work at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, said in a telephone interview from Washington that mixed land use apparently made neighborhoods more accessible to criminals.

The study, published in the Journal of the American Planning Association, examined three pairs of neighborhoods in Atlanta — lower middle

income black, middle income white and lower income black. The crime rate in one member of each pair was about twice that of the other.

Rohe and Greenberg, who interviewed 523 residents, toured the areas and examined city statistics and maps, found that the high-crime areas also had more major streets and fewer small residential streets. The high-crime areas also had more businesses, less land used exclusively for houses and more parking available to outsiders, Rohe said.

These factors tend to bring in more criminals, supply more targets for them and make it harder for residents to keep an eye on them, Rohe said.

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Books

'Seagull' author's creation borrows from life's changes

By CAROL DEEGAN
The Associated Press

Richard Bach was 36 when his book "Jonathan Livingston Seagull" became an international best-seller. Now, more than 10 years later, Bach has a new wife and a new book, based on their love story.

The main characters in the new book, "The Bridge Across Forever" (Morrow, \$16.95), are an airplane pilot-writer by the name of Richard Bach and a beautiful actress-activist named Leslie Parrish. As the story opens, Bach has decided to abandon his Fleet biplane and cross-country touring to begin his search for a "soulmate." His success as a writer put a million dollars in his bank account, which makes it easier for him to meet women, but not necessarily to find the perfect one.

The character Bach is rude, selfish, and self-centered. He won't eat bacon or sausage because he has come to believe in the destructibility of life, and he does not want to be part of even blurry idylls. When his friend, Leslie, tells him she has a present for him, Bach responds with a lecture:

"Anything I want, I buy for myself. If I don't have it, I don't want it." Leslie sweetens him up with her gift of ice cream and hot fudge, but when she asks him to come to her home and take care of her while she is sick, Bach notices he can't make it because he has a date with another woman.

"The Bridge Across Forever" is written with conviction and humor. Bach may be the main character, but Leslie is the heroine, an intelligent, hard-working woman who is either infinitely foolish or wise in sticking with a man who accuses her of faking exhaustion when she collapses from the heat in an Arizona desert.

Much of the book is the story of how the two evolve from friends to lovers, going into battle against such foes as the Internal Revenue Service and the Bureau of Land Management, and finally getting married.

The closing pages of the book describe Bach's search for answers to questions about life and death, and his interest in near-death experiences and out-of-body experiences. Some readers may get restless at this point and move quickly on to the end.

Tournier's work strange yet fascinating

By PHIL THOMAS
The Associated Press

The 14 short stories by talented French writer Michel Tournier which are gathered in "The Fetishist" (Doubleday, 212 pages, \$13.95) are rather strange but interesting, nonetheless.

"They require of the reader a tolerance for fantasy and a willingness to go along with the author as he moves skillfully from the real to the unreal and back again.

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"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," for example, begins straightforwardly enough. It tells of a very talented young man who makes himself into a superb pianist. He dreams of a great concert career, but it eludes him. Instead, he becomes a comic pianist, complete with clown suit and gimmicks, and makes a fortune.

But all along he still dreams of what he wanted to be and at one performance he stops the comedy and plays a lovely Bach chorale instead. What happens when he finishes playing is both touching and funny and very well written by Tournier.

The story from which the collection takes its title also is touching and funny. Written in the form of a play, it has a man tell how he began life normally enough but eventually developed a fetish for clothing that

became a mania and landed him in an insane asylum.

This man, who thinks of a human body as "only a thing to display clothes on, a clothes peg, that's all," slowly manages to ingratiate himself with the reader so that by the time he finishes relating the story of his strange life the reader is completely in sympathy with him.

Other stories which take the reader's sympathy while at times repelling him include "The Red Dwarf" and "Death and the Maiden."

Sanders' latest thriller short of previous efforts

By WAKA TSUNODA
The Associated Press

Lawrence Sanders seemed to be veering away from the genre in which he shines so well, that is to say, thrillers.

His latest, "The Passion of Molly T" (Putnam, 352 pages, \$16.95), is described on the jacket as a thriller, but if it is, it is so in only the broadest sense of the term. Although the novel has a lot of crime, it has no spine-tingling suspense. Nor is

there any mystery solving.

The author himself describes it in his fictitious "author's note," dated 1993, as an account of "what has been variously described as civil disturbance, an insurrection, a revolution, and a war of liberation."

"The disturbance" is supposed to have begun in 1937, when Norma-Jane Laughlin, president and founder of the Canton, W. Va., chapter of the National Women's Union, is gunned down by a group of male drunks.

Her close friend and colleague, Molly Turner, is convinced that the group came from a local lumberyard. So with the help of her brother-in-law, a Vietnam veteran, she blows up the lumberyard, killing the men.

"This is a violent country," she says. "We worship the six-gun — John Wayne eager and willing to blast the bad guys. Those methods might not work in, say, England or Sweden. But violence is the only road to reform in America."

'Talisman,' 'Iacocca' stand top best-seller lists

The following books were on the best-seller list for the previous week.

FICTION

1. "The Talisman," Stephen King & Peter Straub
2. "Love and War," John Jakes
3. "The Steilman," Mario Puzo
4. "Life Its Ownself," Dan Jenkins
5. "Illusions of Love," Cynthia Freeman

NON-FICTION

1. "Iacocca," Lee Iacocca
2. "Pieces of My Mind," Andrew A. Rooney
3. "Loving Each Other," Leo Buscaglia
4. "What They Don't Teach You At Harvard Business School," Mark McCormack
5. "Dr. Burns' Prescription For

Happiness," George Burns

6. "Nothing Down," Robert Allen
7. "Raquel," Raquel Welch
8. "The One Minute Salesperson," Johnson & Wilson
9. "The Life and Hard Times of Heidi Abramowitz," Joan Rivers
10. "The Bridge Across Forever," Richard Bach

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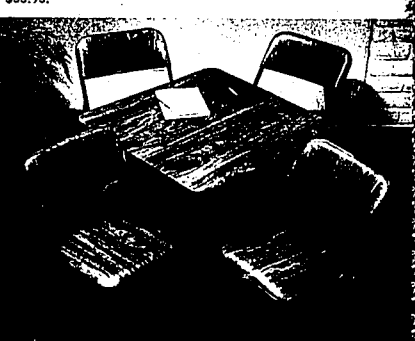


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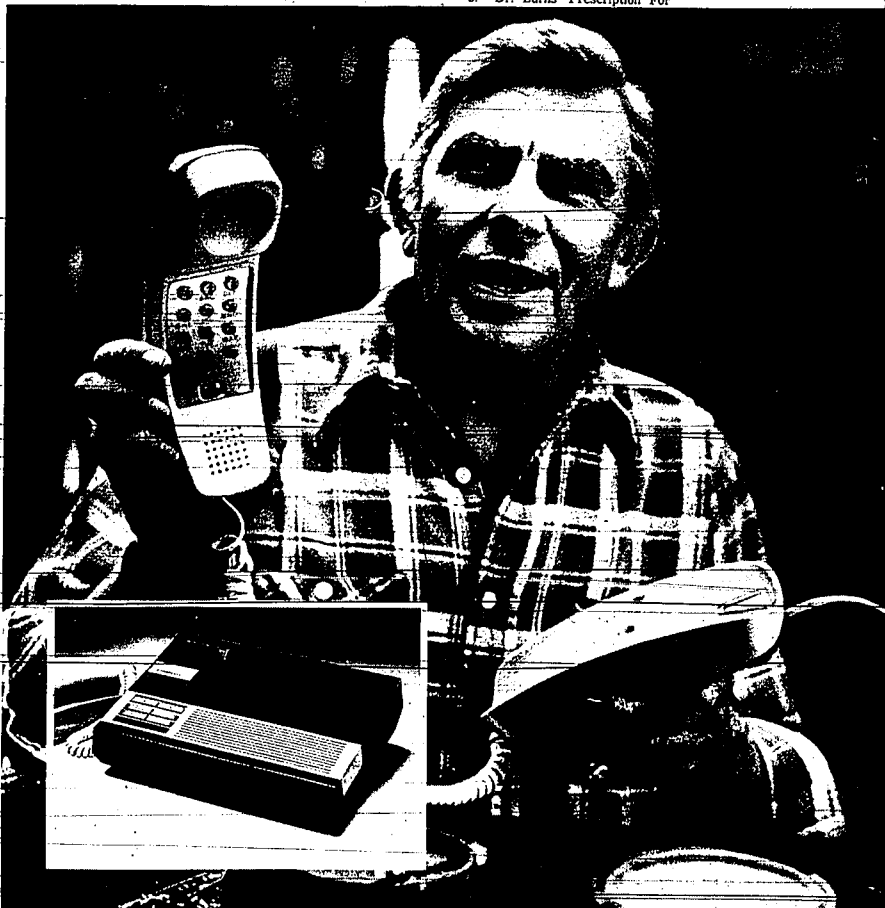
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Jones' 'Dreams' enchanting

By FRANK STILLEY
The Associated Press

Douglas C. Jones easily ranks among the most gifted American writers today. Excellent past novels include "Season of Yellow Leaf," "Elkhorn Tavern" and "The Court-Martial of George Armstrong Custer."

Jones has an uncommon ability to portray people, places and life-ways of the past in a very real manner. The reader soon feels involved in the events being chronicled.

His latest novel, "Gone the Dreams and Dancing," (Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 323 pages, \$15.95), is a story of one of the last Indian tribes conquered by the white man and made to live on a reservation near Fort Shiloh, Indian Territory.

Slowly the small, tattered tribe is forced into a demeaning, sedentary and half-starved existence that it cannot comprehend. The change is all but shattering. Two men seek to help ease the heart-touching Indian

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plight. One is the tribe's chief, Kwahadi, son of an Indian father and a white woman captive of former years. The other is Liverpool Morgan, a white tribal friend who narrates events in a rather low-key, off-hand fashion.

Kwahadi proves to be an outstanding leader — intelligent, deeply thoughtful and at times a crafty figure indeed.

These and other assets enable him to cope in some measure with tragic events — a tribe dissolving into lassitude and hopelessness, and the ravages of evil practices learned from "civilized" whites.

All, however, is not an endlessly dreary, sad story. There are many fine touches of wry humor, plus even a few hilarious episodes.

And praise be to the publisher! Here is one book the author wasn't forced to lard with sex.

Maurice Sendak's creatures come out in his new book, 'Nutcracker'

By MARY CAMPBELL
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — There are characters milling around in the maudlin mind of Maurice Sendak, and they're ready to come out and live in another book.

But they're stuck right where they are. That's because Sendak, the artist-author who created beasties and nightmares in "Where the Wild Things Are," "In the Night Kitchen" and "Outside Over There," is in charge. They're not.

"I won't let them come out for another three to five years, at the earliest," Sendak said. "I know they're there. But I'm in control of them."

No character ever has forced itself out of his mind, the 55-year-old Sendak said. "I'm never in a hurry to write. ... You have to be mentally and physically ready for it."

"The Muse doesn't burst upon me, catching me unawares. I'd kill her." While Sendak promotes his new book, "Nutcracker" (Crown, \$18.95), he is thinking about his next project — a book on a newly discovered Grimm brothers' fairy tale.

"This one was in a letter to a little girl who was a friend of Wilhelm Grimm," he said in an interview.

"Her family kept it. They sold it about five years ago; I suppose they needed money."

"It's a tragic little story with hardly a glimmer of hope," Sendak continued. "Most of Grimm's fairy tales have been changed in translation, based on the assumption kids are going to freak out on them. Which, of course, isn't true."

Sendak hasn't yet started the book. "I'm beginning to figure out what they look like," he said. "It's like the soup is on the stove. You let it cook a long time and hope it's going to taste better. ... Most of the process is unconscious. Thoughts are not thoughts I conjure up. They fall into my brain or are pushed up from someplace."

For example, he could go to a museum and see a little girl in a painting. "My heart goes pitter pat. Oh, maybe the little girl in the story looks like that. Everything I see becomes possible information leading to what the book is going to look like."

He has another new book, "The Love-for-Three Oranges" (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, \$30). He designed the Prokofiev opera by the same name for the Glyndebourne Festival in England.

Sendak recently won the New York Times Book Review award for il-

lustrating children's books for the "Nutcracker," the 1816 E.T.A. Hoffmann story, newly translated by Ralph Manheim. It is his 18th. He's also won the Hans Christian Andersen and Caldecott awards for his children's books.

Last year, Sendak designed sets and costumes for the Pacific Northwest Ballet's "Nutcracker" in Seattle.

Sendak also staged the 1980 off-Broadway production of "Really Rosie," which had an all-kids cast, and created sets and costumes for the Houston opera production of Mozart's "The Magic Flute" and the New York City Opera production of "The Cunning Little Vixen" — with people looking like stuffed toys in their forest-animal costumes.

"Really Rosie," with music by Carole King, was based on his third book, "The Sign on Rosie's Door." "I've been ripping myself off for ages now," he said. "People don't remember the early things and I keep redoing them. Like Chagall."

British composer Oliver Knussen turned "Where the Wild Things Are" into an opera, which premieres in Brussels. The St. Paul Opera plans its American premiere next year.

'Bodyline' examines 'win-at-all-costs' view

By LARRY BLASKO
The Associated Press

If national character is destiny, "Bodyline" (Atheneum, 216 pages, \$12.95), would predict the fate of Great Britain as a third-rate power with first-rate pretensions.

The book is the story of an actual cricket match between England and Australia in 1932. England had lost the previous match and was deter-

mined to win this one at any cost. It did win. But the cost was using the technique from which the book gets its title. And when translated from the cricket terminology, the technique boils down to throwing at the batter with the deliberate intent to scare or injure.

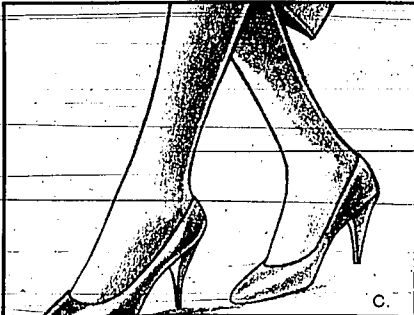
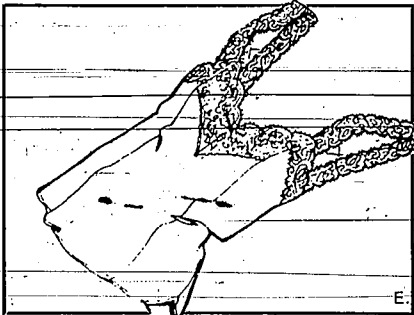
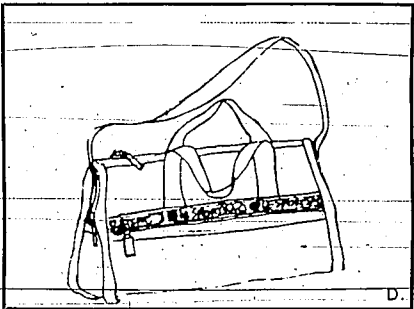
Which, as they used to say, isn't cricket. Why was it so important to win? The author examines that at several levels.

For the government and some members of the team, winning at any cost was important because a second defeat to an egallitarian nation first settled by ex-convicts was unthinkable.

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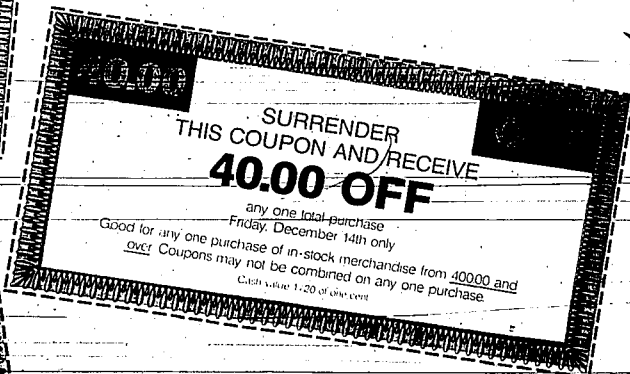
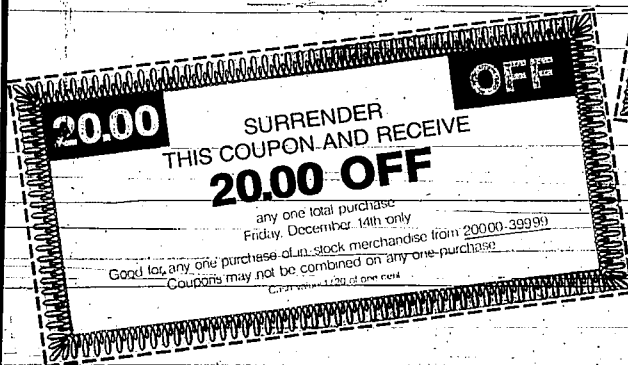
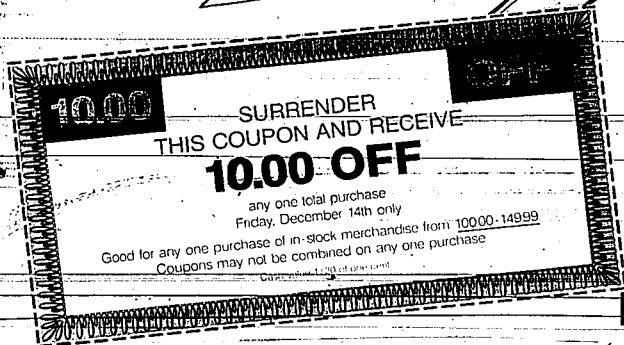
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